



## **HESC Virtual Events for Your Students and Families in January/February**

- **Exploring Job Training and Other Pathways after High School**  
**Date: Thursday, Jan. 20, 7:00 - 8:00 pm**  
After high school, a traditional four-year college isn't right for everyone, and that's ok! Join HESC for a discussion to learn about the many different options after high school that lead to great careers including the skill trades, apprenticeships, training programs, and more! No preregistration required.  
[Join this event here.](#)
- **What Juniors Need to Know about Preparing for College and Applying for Financial Aid**  
**Dates: Throughout February and March**  
Preparing for college and applying for financial aid can be overwhelming, but getting a jump start on your planning activities during your 11th grade year can help you stay on track for college. Join HESC financial aid experts who will help you get ready to apply to college and help you learn how to get help paying for it. We'll also share information on important deadlines and what you should be checking off your list during your junior year of high school. No preregistration required.  
[Check here for dates and links.](#)
- **How to Create Your Smart College Application List**  
**Date: Thursday, Feb. 17, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**  
Deciding which colleges to apply to can be confusing. Join HESC and college admissions officers to learn tips on how to evaluate admission requirements and affordability, and consider your individual preferences and goals, to create your smart college list. No preregistration required.  
[Join this event here.](#)
- For more information and additional event listings, visit [StartHereGetThere.ny.gov/events](https://www.startheregetthere.ny.gov/events).

## **College Application Month Report**

- If your school participated in College Application Month, be sure you're counted! If you haven't already, complete this [brief report](#) as soon as possible.
- Your input will ensure New York's reporting accuracy when sharing the successes of our campaign with our national partners and help us make improvements for 2022.
- Thanks for your assistance!

## **Your Students Who Need Help Completing the FAFSA and TAP Applications Can Drop into HESC's Virtual Lounge!**

- Beginning February 2, HESC representatives will be available every Wednesday, 3:00-6:00 pm, at our virtual drop-in lounge to answer questions about the FAFSA and TAP applications.
- Students and parents must create their own FSA IDs and each student and one parent need FSA IDs to electronically sign and submit the FAFSA.
- Links to each Wednesday's Drop-in Lounge are found at [StartHereGetThere.ny.gov/dropin](https://www.startheregetthere.ny.gov/dropin).
- If your students have started the FAFSA and stopped because they were confused about a question, or if they are just having trouble getting started, urge them to log in!

### **STEM Incentive Program**

- STEM applications are available now through August 15 each year.
- The STEM Program provides tuition awards to students who are New York residents attending a public or private degree-granting college or university located in New York State. Recipients must be in the top 10 percent of their high school graduating class, pursue an approved, two or four-year STEM degree program and agree to live in NYS and work in a STEM field in NYS for five years after graduation.
- For students attending private college, the maximum award for the 2021-2022 academic year is equal to the SUNY tuition rate which is \$7,070 per year.
- Students can complete and submit the [NYS Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics \(STEM\) Incentive Program Application](#).

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