

Eligibility for in-state tuition and TAP via the New York State Dream Act

IF YOU ARE AND ↘	A student without any formal status (undocumented)	A student who is considered PRUCOL*
You attended HS in NYS for 2 or more years and graduated or received a NYS GED or equivalency	<p>In-state - you are eligible TAP via NYSDA - you are eligible. Additionally you may also be eligible if you pay in-state tuition at a NYS public university, for any reason other than residency</p>	<p>In-state - you do not need to meet the education requirements; you only need to have 12 months of residency in New York State from the time you enroll in classes</p> <p>TAP via NYSDA - you are eligible. Additionally you may also be eligible if you pay in-state tuition at a NYS public university, for any reason other than residency</p>
You attended HS in NYS for less than 2 years or did not graduate from a New York high school	<p>In-state - You must get a GED or equivalency OR complete 2 years of High School in New York and graduate</p> <p>TAP via NYSDA - You must get a GED or equivalency OR complete 2 years of High School in New York and graduate OR be charged in-state tuition at your campus.</p> <p>Note for high school students: If you have less than two years, consider transferring to Pathways to Graduation to receive an equivalency degree. (ex. Pathways to Graduation)</p>	<p>In-state - you do not need to meet the education requirements, you only need to have 12 months of residency in New York State from the time you enroll in classes</p> <p>TAP via NYSDA - You must get a GED or equivalency OR complete 2 years of High School in New York and graduate OR be charged in-state tuition at your campus</p>
You graduated high school in another country or U.S. state	<p>In-state - Obtain a NY GED or equivalency before applying</p> <p>Note: If you already applied and reported your foreign or out-of state HS diploma you are not eligible</p> <p>TAP via NYSDA - Obtain a NY GED or equivalency. If your diploma is from another country, you may be eligible through Ability To Benefit (see note below)</p> <p>Note: If you do not qualify for in-state tuition you can still receive state aid if you are eligible via the NYSDA</p>	<p>In-state - you do not need to meet the education requirement, you only need to have 12 months of residency in the state of New York from the time you enroll in classes</p> <p>TAP via NYSDA - Obtain a NY GED. If your high school diploma is from another country, you may still be eligible through Ability To Benefit (see note below)</p>
You have a college degree or some college experience in a foreign country	<p>In-state tuition - If you plan to transfer for college credit you will not be eligible for in-state tuition. If you do not plan to transfer for college credit you may be eligible for in-state tuition if you receive a NYS GED or equivalency</p> <p>TAP via NYSDA - You can receive TAP through Ability To Benefit (see note below)</p> <p>Note: You will still be charged out of state tuition, but you can still receive state aid if you are eligible via the NYSDA</p>	<p>In-state - you do not need to meet the education requirement, you only need to have 12 months of residency in the state of New York from the time you enroll in classes</p> <p>TAP via NYSDA - You can qualify through any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You qualify for in-state tuition You can receive TAP through Ability To Benefit (see note below) Obtaining a NYS GED or equivalency before applying to a public university and only share your NYS GED in your applications

*PRUCOL is a category that was created by courts and used to determine eligibility for some public benefits. This includes individuals who are recipients of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and Temporary Protective Status (TPS), as well as those seeking asylum, whose status is pending. PRUCOL is not recognized as an immigration status by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Services (USCIS).

Note on Ability to Benefit: A student seeking State financial aid (including TAP) for the first time, must pass a federally approved ATB test identified by the Board of Regents if the student does not possess a U.S. high school diploma or its recognized equivalent. The purpose of this and related ATB requirements is to ensure the effective use of financial aid funds and to help align admission requirements, level of curricula, and academic support. Reach out to your campus liason at cuny.edu/immigrant

Please Note: There is very little graduate level funding available through the NYSDA and it is mostly focused on STEM teaching and nursing

Please contact the Undocumented and Immigrant Student Program for support and guidance at immigrantstudents@cuny.edu