The New York State Dream Act

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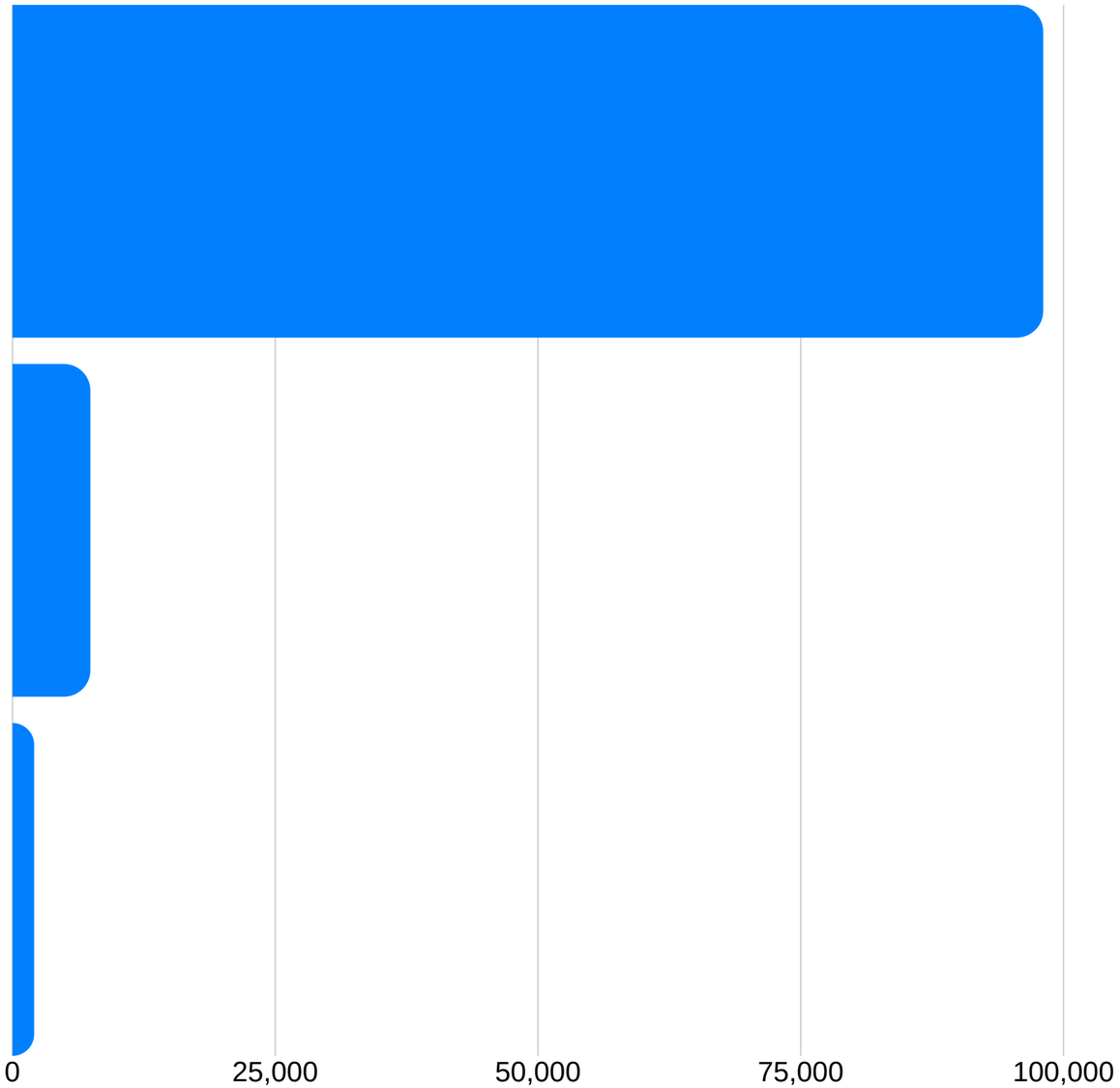
REALITIES OF UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS

UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS AND HIGHER EDUCATION

98,000 undocumented students graduate high school every year

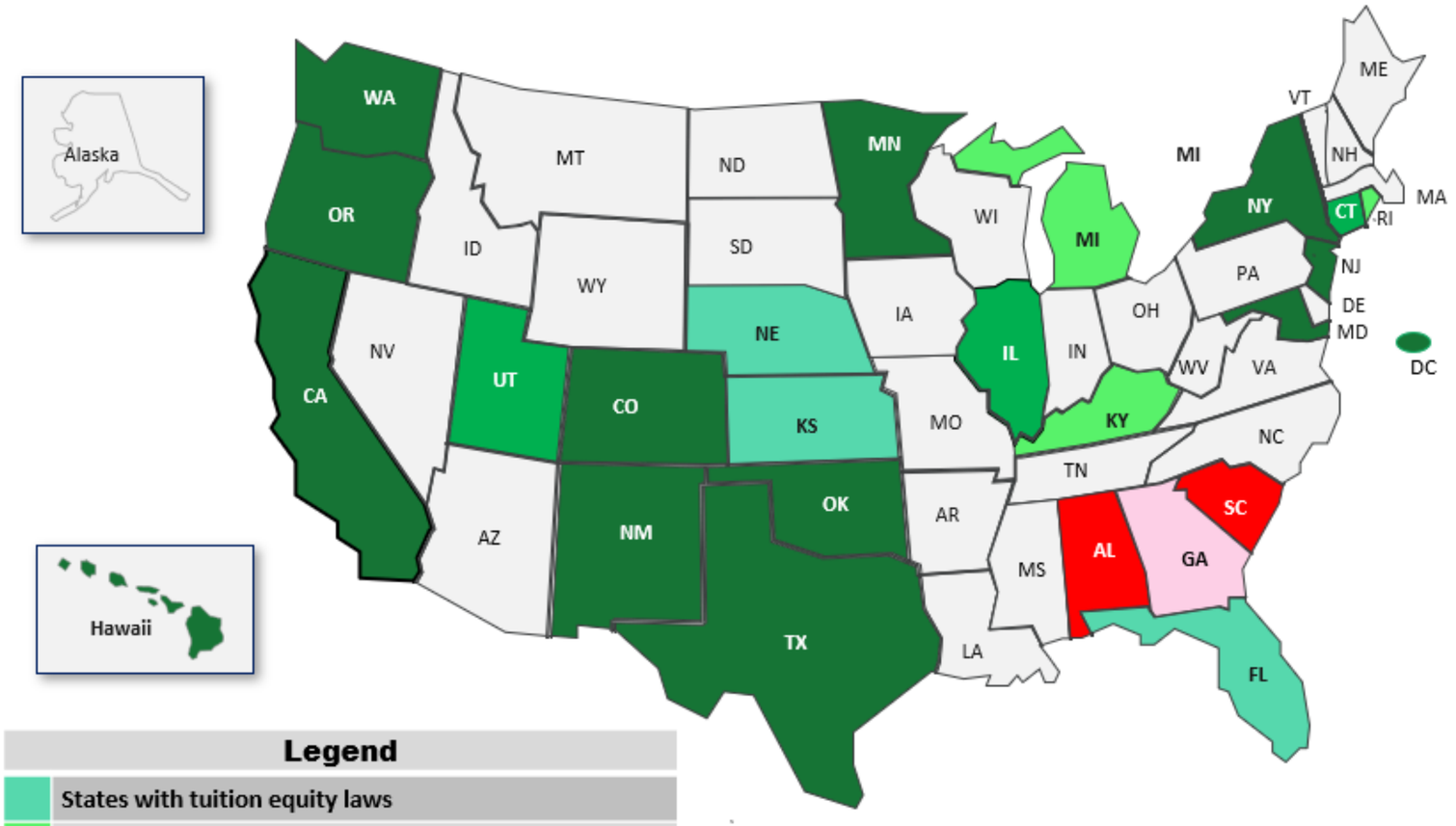
Only about 7.5% go on to enroll in college

Even fewer graduate successfully



APRIL 2019 MIGRATION POLICY INSTITUTE ESTIMATE

CURRENT STATE POLICIES & LAWS



Legend
States with tuition equity laws
States with tuition equity policies at major institutions
States with tuition equity laws and scholarships
States with tuition equity laws or policies and some state financial aid
States that ban enrollment to undocumented students
States where some college systems deny enrollment

Friendly States:

Washington	Minnesota
Oregon	Illinois
California	Michigan
Utah	Kentucky
Colorado	Florida
New Mexico	New York
Nebraska	New Jersey
Kansas	Maryland
Oklahoma	Connecticut
Texas	Rhode Island

as of March 2021

National Immigration Law Center

NEW YORK STATE

NEW YORK STATE OVERVIEW

	US Citizen or Permanent Resident	DACA	Undocumented
Admission	✓	✓	✓
Federal Financial Aid	✓	✗	✗
In State vs. Out of State Tuition	✓	✓	✓
Grants, Loans & Scholarships	✓	?	?
SAT Fee Waiver	✓	✓	✓

NOTE: NOT ALL IMMIGRATION STATUSES ARE REPRESENTED HERE.

NY State Dream Act

- grants undocumented and other students **access** to state aid to support their higher education costs to attend a SUNY or CUNY

New York State Youth Leadership Council

NYSYLC

KEY POINTS

- Student must be enrolled in a SUNY or CUNY full-time to receive funding

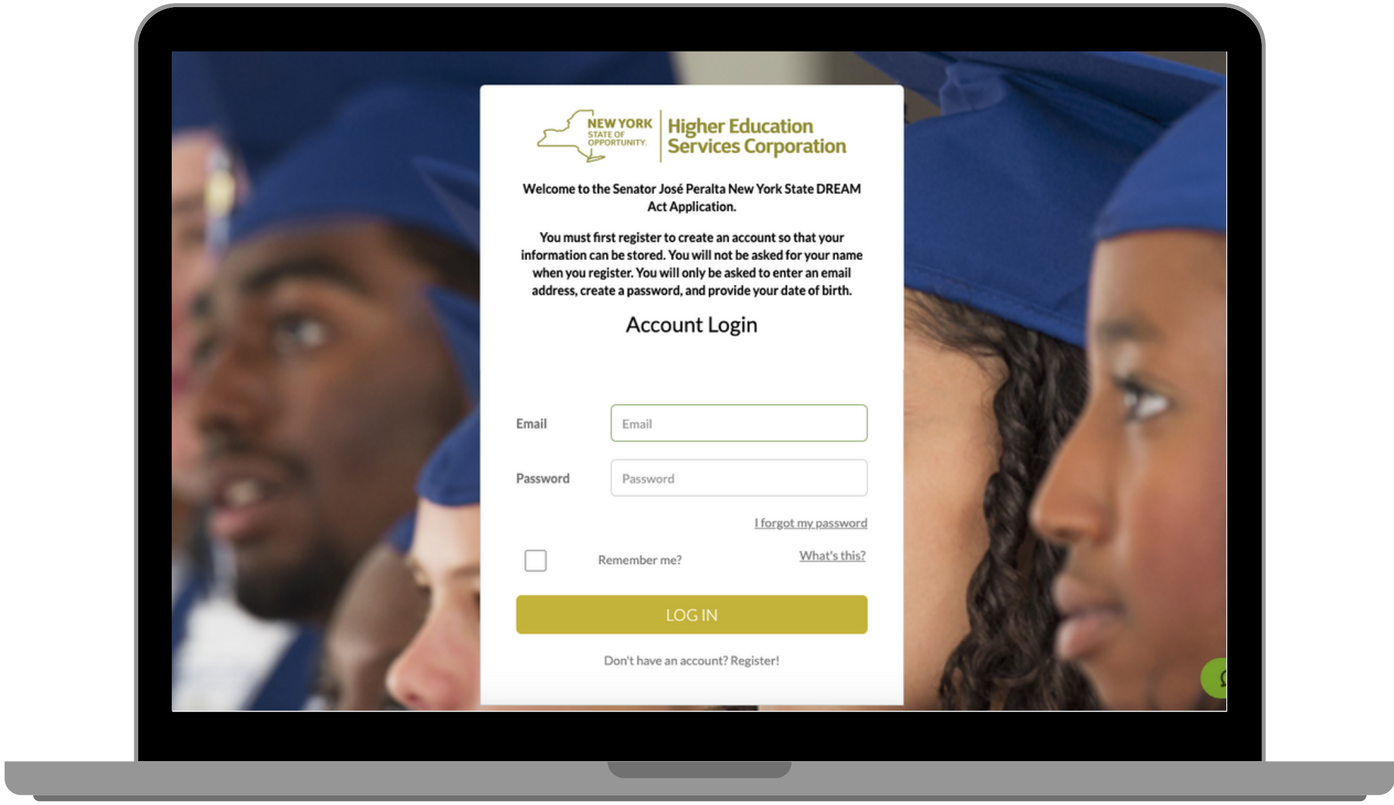
- Student must meet immigration status and education requirements to qualify

- Student must complete 3 applications:
  - Elegibility
  - TAP
  - Exceslior

KEY POINTS

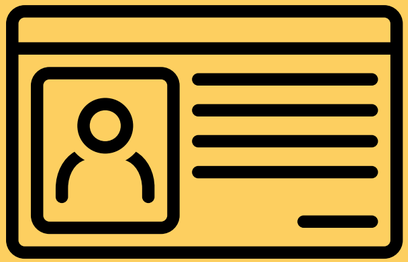
- Students can apply by creating an account an account online:

https://nysdream.applyists.net



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

IMMIGRATION STATUS ELEGIBIILITY



In order to be eligible, you must have one of the following

- U-visa
- T-visa
- Temporary Protected Status (TPS)
- Deferred Enforced Departure (DED)
- Deferred Action Against Childhood Arrivals (DACA)
- Undocumented (without lawful status)

EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to be eligible, you must either

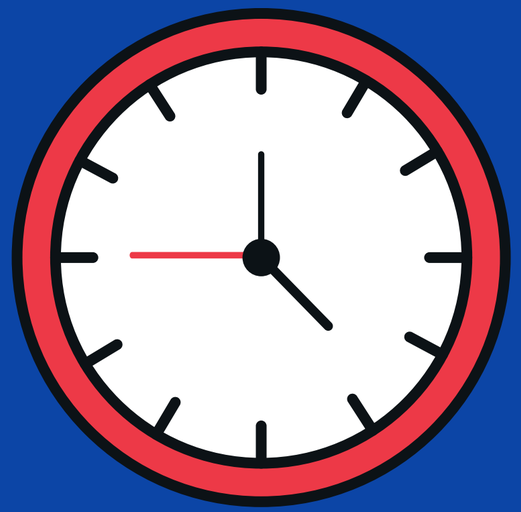
- Attended a New York State high school for at least two years and have received an NYS high school diploma and enrolled in a SUNY/CUNY within 5 years of graduating

- OR, Attend an undergraduate program within 5 years of receiving a NYS high school equivalency diploma (TASC/GED)

- OR, Attend a **graduate program within ten years** of receiving an NYS high school diploma

- OR, Qualify for in-state tuition

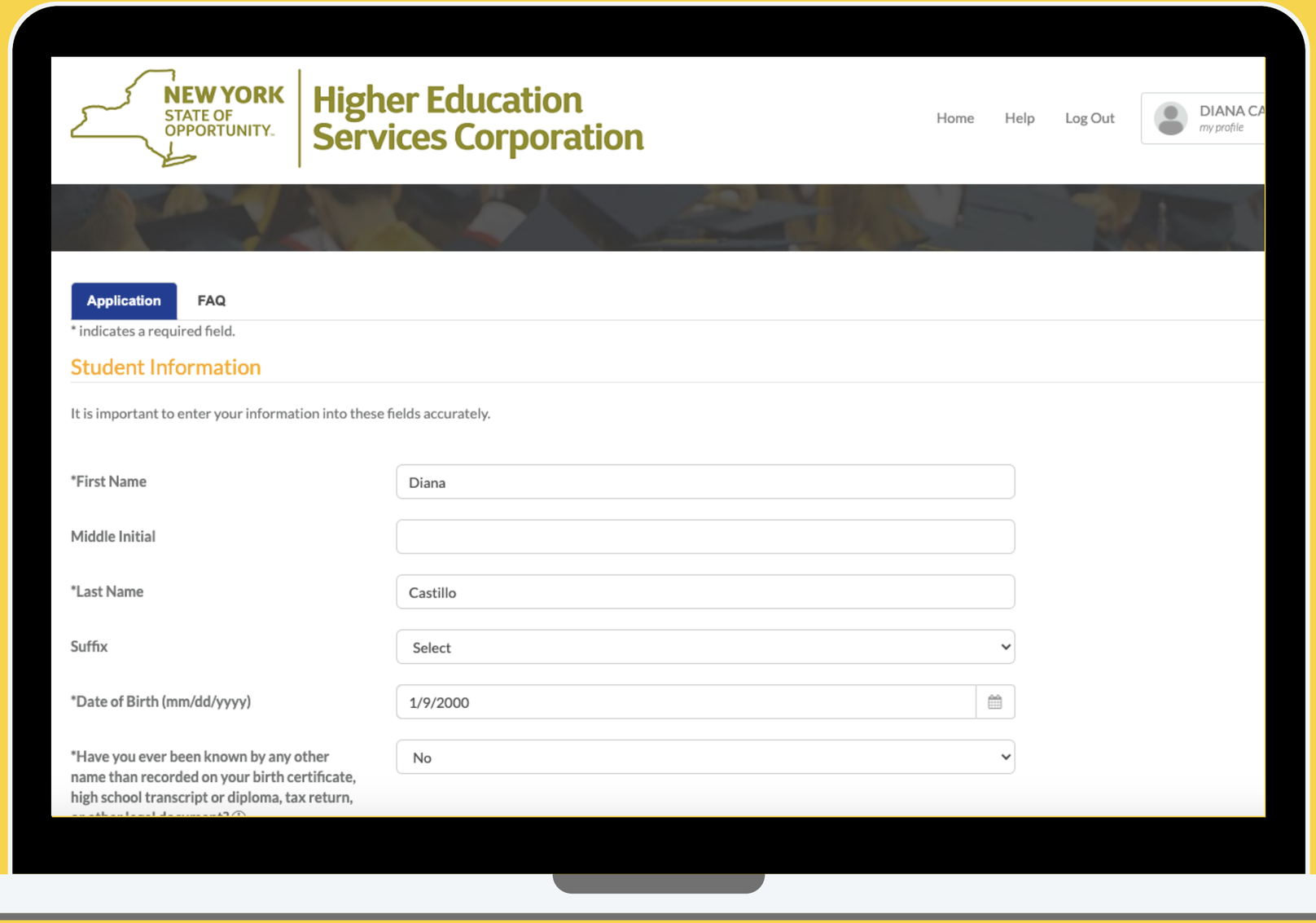
TRUE OR FALSE



Age is a factor for the NYSDA elegibility

APPLICATION PROCESS

NY STATE PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY



Elegibility Checklist

The following documents must be uploaded to your NYS portal or your application will marked **incomplete**

- Files must be uploaded as:
  - pdf, .tif, .png, .jpeg, .jpg, .bmp and .xps

- [ ] High School Transcript
- [ ] High School Diploma
- [ ] GED/TASC Diploma
- [ ] Proof of status *

APPLICATION TIPS

- If a student is undocumented or their parents are undocumented, they should remove the street address and any parent names visible on the documentation

- Students will receive emails from two (2) possible ISTS email addresses. Both should be added to the contacts so that they don't go to spam

donotreply@applyISTS.com
NYSDREAM@applyISTS.com

- For a high school equivalency program graduate, the HSE ID needs to be clearly present
- Unofficial transcripts can be used as long as their full name is visible

"When should I apply for the New York State Dream Act?"

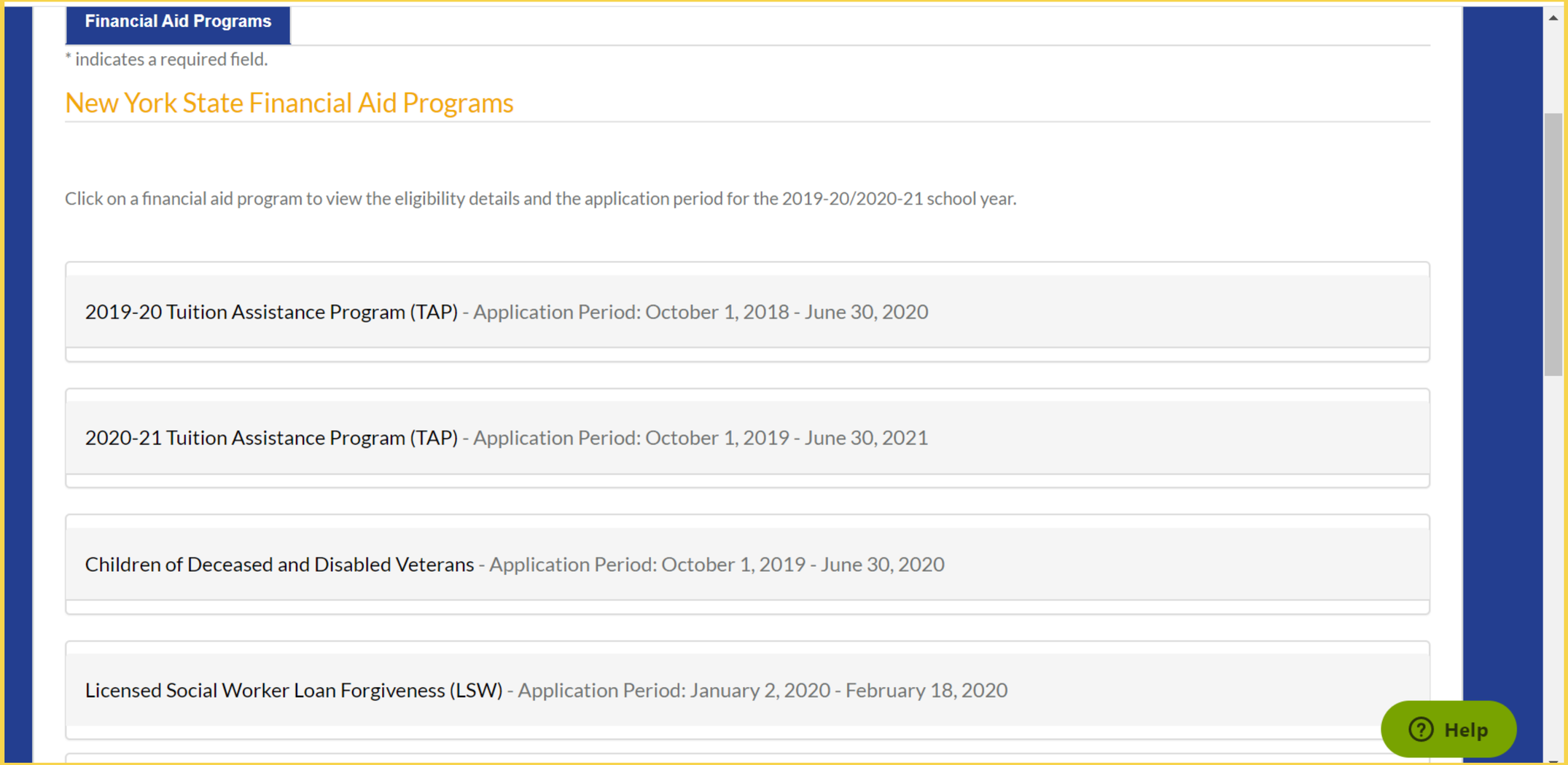
TRUE OR FALSE

A student needs to submit their official diploma when applying for the NYSDA Elegibility Application

Questions

INDIVIDUAL APPLICATIONS TO NYS FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS

FINANCIAL AID OPPORTUNITIES



TUTITION ASSITANCE PROGRAM

TAP is a 4-year grant, meaning students **do not pay** this money back. Students must reapply every year to receive the funds and accept the offer on their portal.

Eligible students can receive up to $5,165. The award amount depends on the income of the student and/or the income of their guardians.

There are different income ceilings for students to deem if they are eligible

TAP Application | FAQ

* indicates a required field.

Tuition Assistance Program Details

You are applying for the New York State **Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)**. TAP provides up to $5,165 in annual tuition support to recipients attending an approved college in New York State. Your annual award will depend on factors including your family's household income, the number of family members attending college full-time, and the number of terms you have received the award. The good news is because TAP is a grant, it does not have to be paid back. However, throughout your college career you must remain in good academic standing and meet the income requirements to continue to receive award payments.

Student Information

It is important to enter your information into these fields accurately.

*First Name	Gregory
Middle Initial	R
*Last Name	James
Suffix	Select
*State	New York
*ZIP Code	11225

Notifications

All notifications regarding the status of your application will be sent to **gregjames913@gmail.com.** *Your contact information is never sold to a third party. Your contact information will only be used to alert you to your application status.*

INCOME CEILINGS

$80,000 for dependent undergraduate students or independent students who are married and have tax dependents, or independent students who are unmarried and have tax dependents

$40,000 for married independent undergraduate students who have no other tax dependents

$10,000 for unmarried independent undergraduate students with no tax dependents

"Do I or my family need to pay taxes to qualify for TAP?"

The question(s) below are to determine which of the family members who reside in your household are or will attend college in the upcoming academic year. This information is used to help determine your award amount.

If you are financially dependent on a parent, other family members in college include parents, spouse, siblings, and children. If you are financially independent, other family members in college can only include your spouse and your dependent children.

***How many family members, living in your household, will be full-time college students between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021? Do not include yourself.**

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Household Income

The question below is used to determine your household income. Your household income is considered to be the income of you and your spouse (if married) *or* you and your parents, or step par
adoptive parents with whom you resided. Household income should include any pension income and/or child support payments received.

***For 2018, what was your total household income?**
Do not enter the $ symbol

8000

***Is your 2020 household income expected to be $80,000 or less due to separation/divorce, total and permanent disability, or death?**
Only select Yes if your 2018 total household income exceeded $80,000 and your 2020 income is expected to be at or below $80,000 due to separation/divorce, total and permanent disability, or death.

Select

Students may be asked to provide tax documentation as proof of income

INFORMATION NEEDED FOR TAP

The TAP application requires students to provide the name of the college they are attending and their college ID

If the student filed their taxes as an independent, they will need their:

- ITIN/SNN
- Household income

If the students family filed their taxes and claimed the student as a dependent, they will need

- their parents ITIN/SNN
- The status and state in which they filed for taxes

If you transfer schools, be sure to email NYSDREAM@apply.ist so your funds can be internally moved and processed

Be sure to apply every year once the application becomes available.

If you take time off from school, be sure to complete a **Leave of Absence** so your scholarship is paused

EXCELSIOR

Excelsior is a 4-year scholarship program. The student must reapply every year to receive the funds and accept the offer.

Under contract with HESC, the Excelsior application requires students to agree to work and live in NYS for the length and time they received the award

If the student were to break the contract, they would have to pay back the funds

The students college will communicate their award amount to them directly

Excelsior Spring 2020 Application | FAQ

* indicates a required field.

Excelsior Scholarship Details

You are applying for the **Excelsior Spring 2020 Scholarship**. This application is for students looking to receive a ***first-time Excelsior award for the spring 2020 term.*** The New York State Excelsior Schola
eligible students from families who earn up to $125,000 a year to attend a SUNY or CUNY college tuition free. Recipients receive award payments for up to two years of continuous full-time study in
associate's degree or four years of continuous full-time study leading to a bachelor's degree, or five years if the program of study normally requires five years. Don't forget, if you accept the award, yo
hours towards your program of study each year and agree to live and work, if employed, in New York State for the length of time you received the award. Failure to meet these requirements will resu
award to a no-interest loan. Please note, if you are already a recipient of an Excelsior Scholarship from a previous application period, you do not need to complete this application. You are a recipient
the Excelsior Scholarship contract, even if you did not receive payment in the prior term. If you still have a pending application from the Fall 2019 term, you should contact HESC at NYSDREAM@app
cause.

Student Information

It is important to enter your information into these fields accurately.

***First Name**	Dennise
Middle Initial	J
***Last Name**	Hernandez
Suffix	

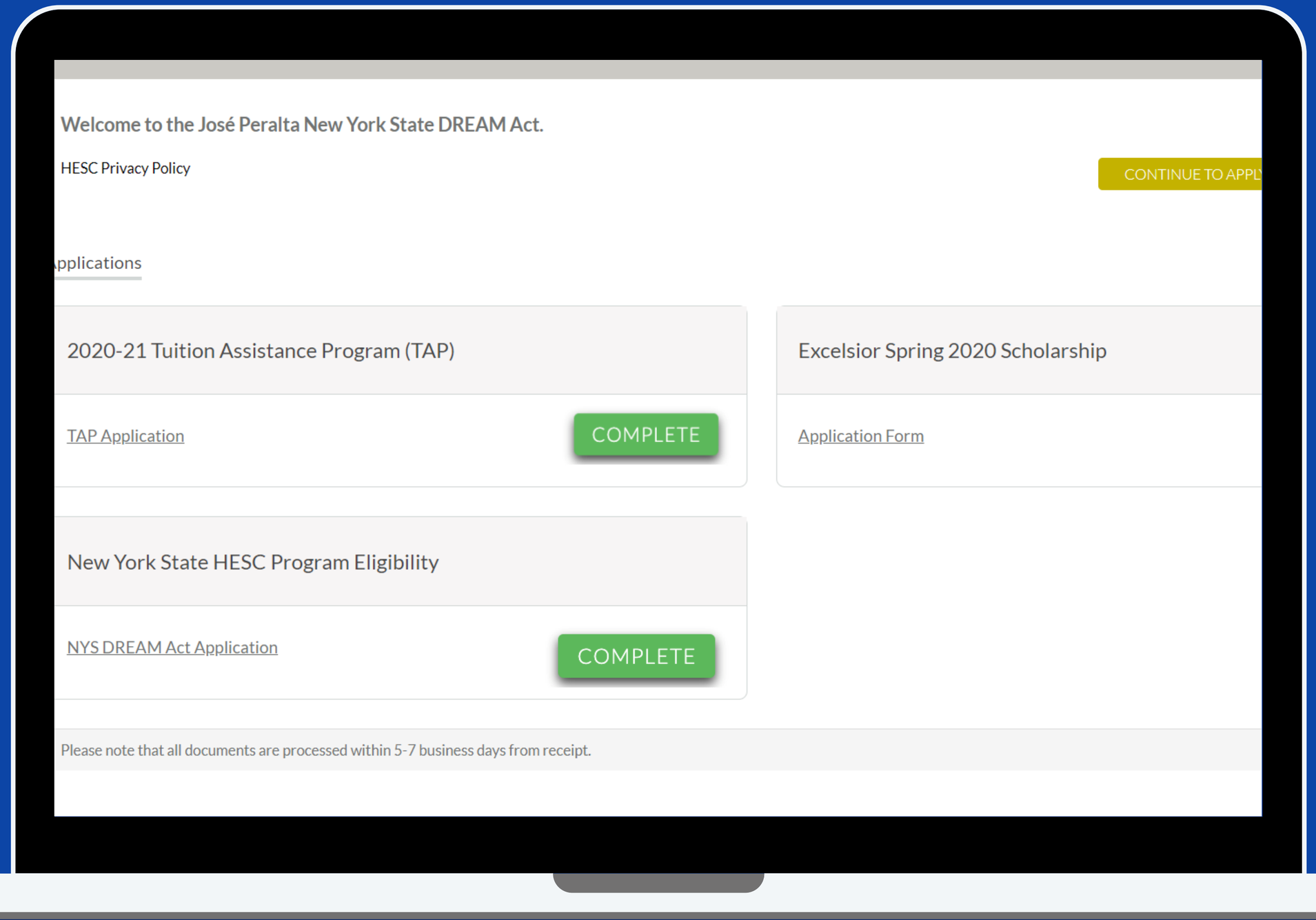
Notifications

All notifications regarding the status of your application will be sent to **dennise@unlocal.org.** *Your contact information is never sold to a third party. Your contact information will only be used to alert you to*

***Primary Phone (Example: 6157773750)**	XXX-XXX-XXXX
Cell Phone (Example: 6157773750)	

INCOME CEILINGS

Program open to eligible students from families who earn up to $125,000 a year to attend a SUNY or CUNY college tuition free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2020-21 Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)
TAP Application
COMPLETE
Excelsior Spring 2020 Scholarship
Application Form
New York State HESC Program Eligibility
NYS DREAM Act Application
COMPLETE
Please note that all documents are processed within 5-7 business days from receipt.

NEED ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR DREAM ACT APPLICATION?

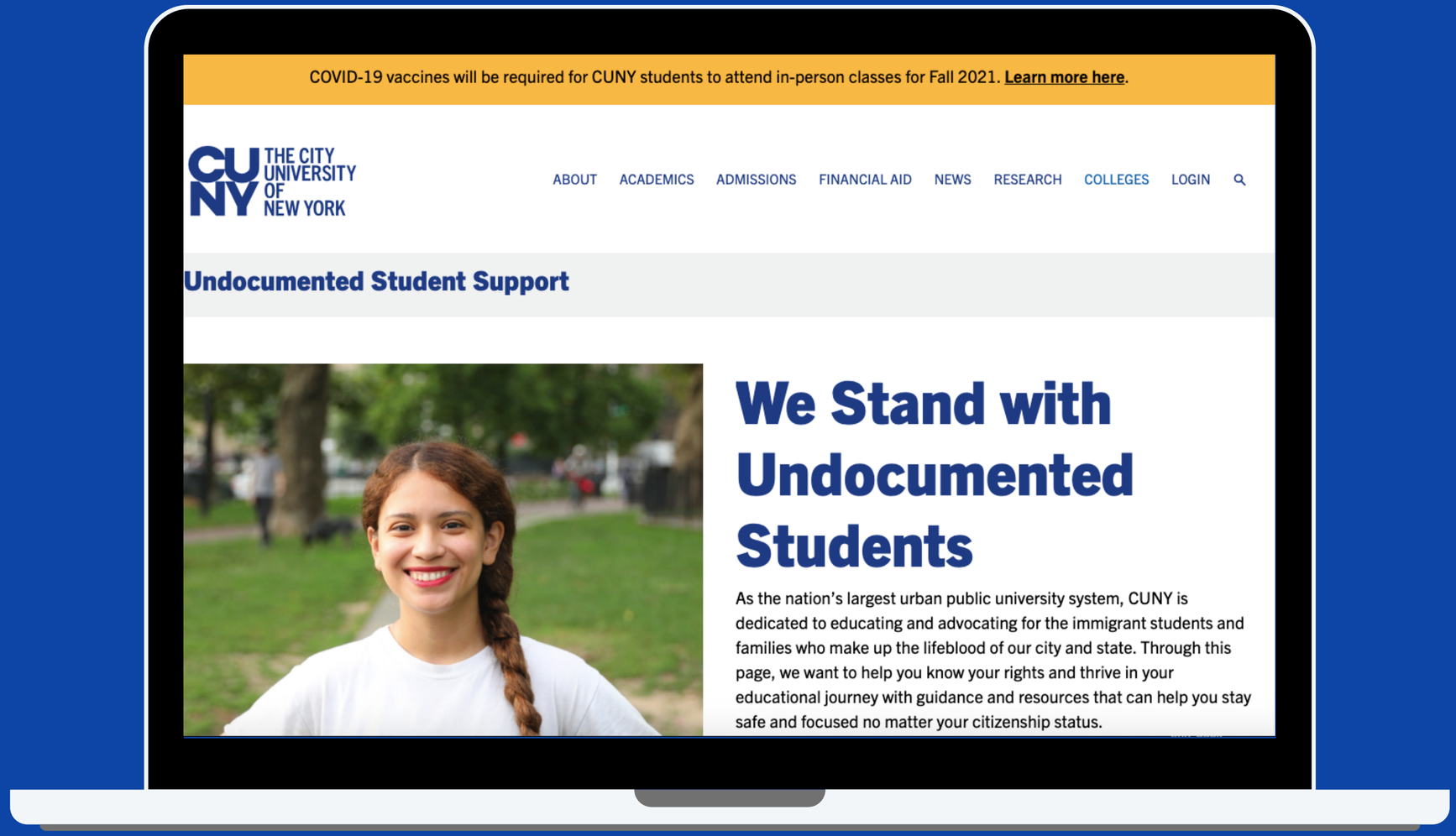
UnLocal is offering individualized assistance for students. Please contact Diana to schedule a consultation via zoom or phone call

diana@unlocal.org

Questions

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

CUNY UNDOCUMENTED CENTER



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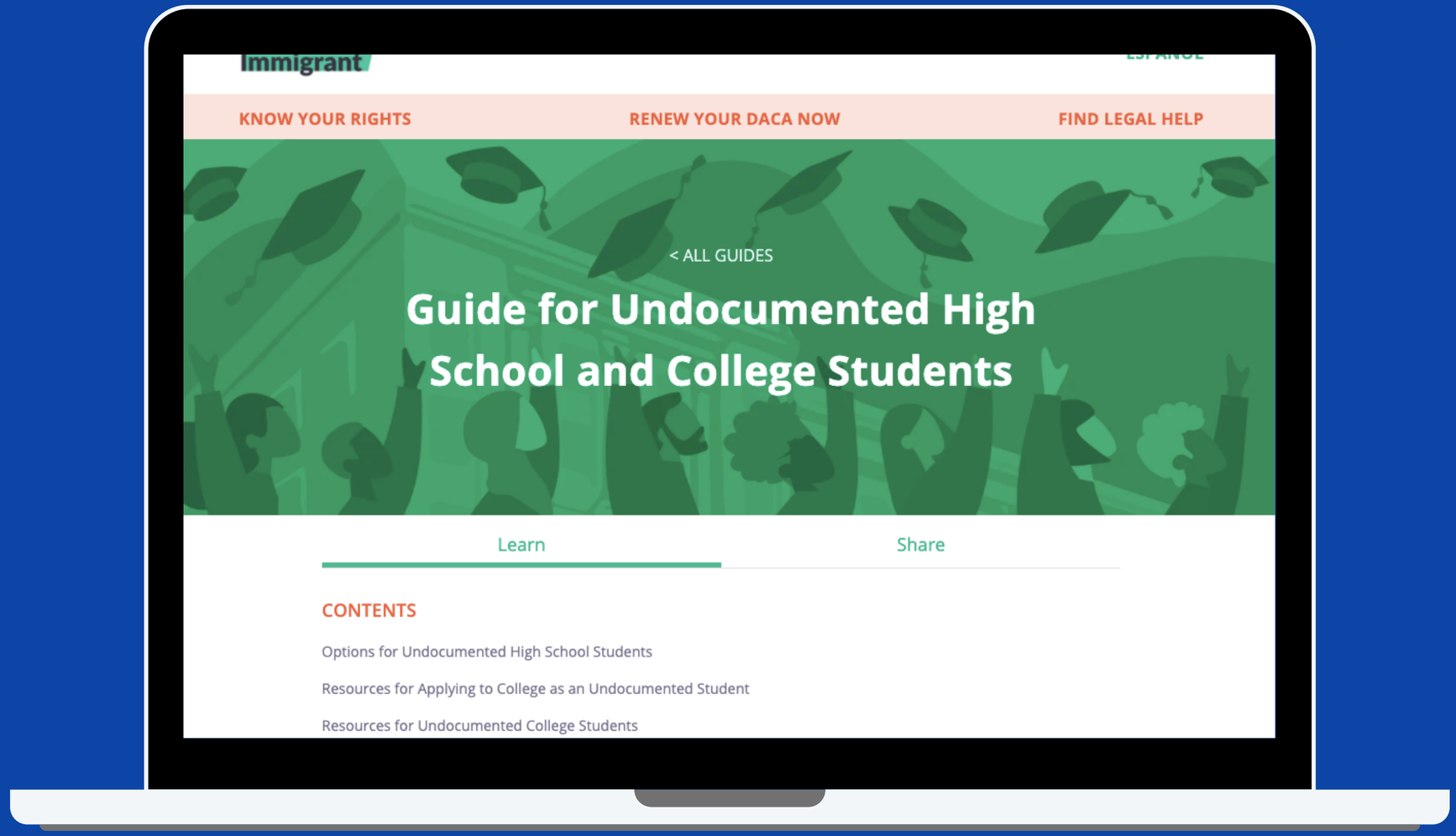
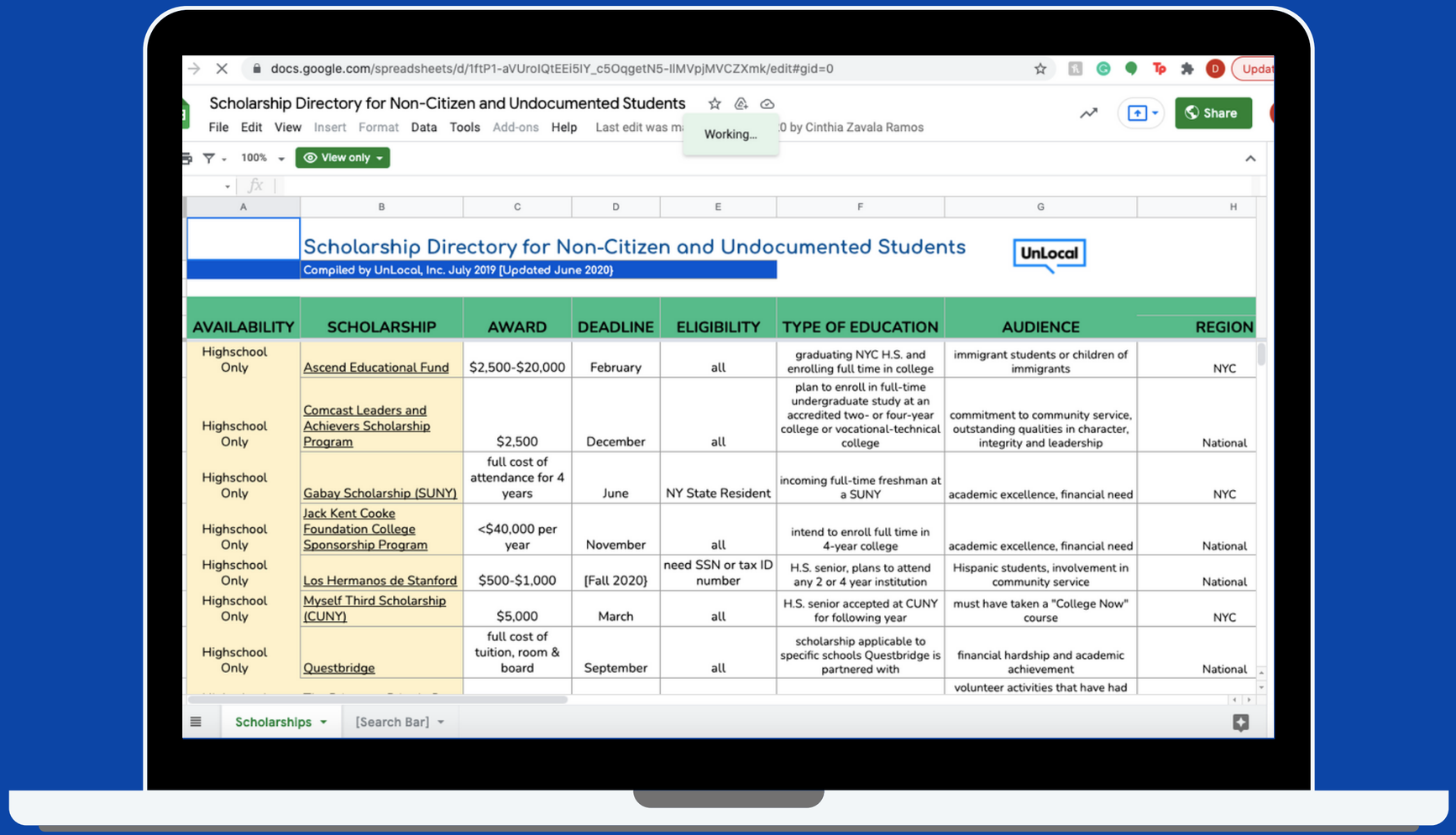
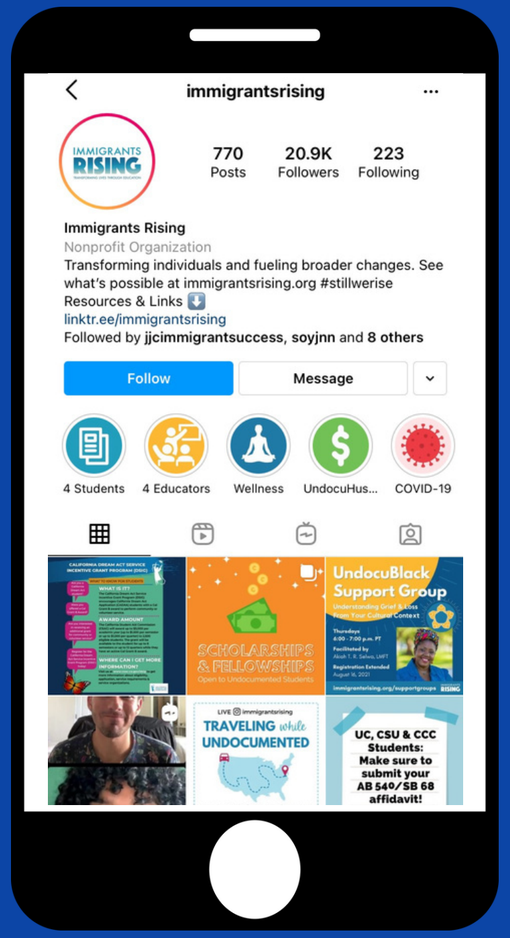


SCHOLARSHIP DIRECTORY



AVAILABILITY	SCHOLARSHIP	AWARD	DEADLINE	ELIGIBILITY	TYPE OF EDUCATION	AUDIENCE	REGION
Highschool Only	Ascend Educational Fund	$2,500-$20,000	February	all	graduating NYC H.S. and enrolling full time in college	immigrant students or children of immigrants	NYC
Highschool Only	Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Program	$2,500	December	all	plan to enroll in full-time undergraduate study at an accredited two- or four-year college or vocational-technical college	commitment to community service, outstanding qualities in character, integrity and leadership	National
Highschool Only	Gabay Scholarship (SUNY)	full cost of attendance for 4 years	June	NY State Resident	incoming full-time freshman at a SUNY	academic excellence, financial need	NYC
Highschool Only	Jack Kent Cooke Foundation College Sponsorship Program	<$40,000 per year	November	all	intend to enroll full time in 4-year college	academic excellence, financial need	National
Highschool Only	Los Hermanos de Stanford	$500-$1,000	[Fall 2020}	need SSN or tax ID number	H.S. senior, plans to attend any 2 or 4 year institution	Hispanic students, involvement in community service	National
Highschool Only	Myself Third Scholarship (CUNY)	$5,000	March	all	H.S. senior accepted at CUNY for following year	must have taken a "College Now" course	NYC
Highschool Only	Questbridge	full cost of tuition, room & board	September	all	scholarship applicable to specific schools Questbridge is partnered with	financial hardship and academic achievement	National
						volunteer activities that have had	

SOCIAL MEDIA RESOURCES



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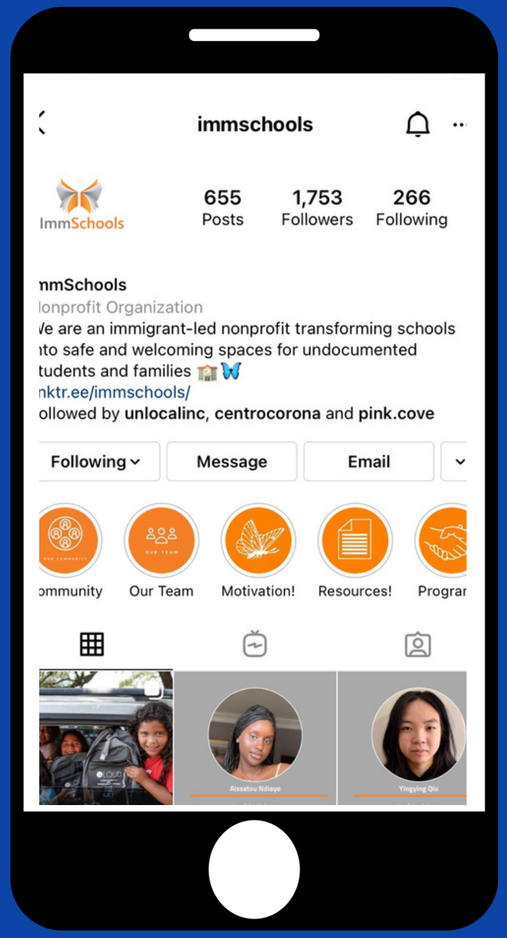

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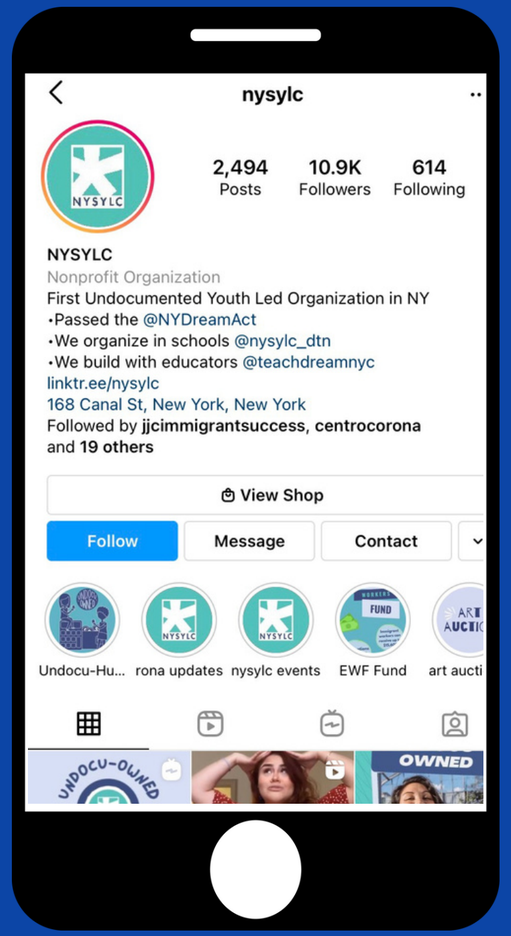

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