

Module 1: NYS Dream Act and Confidentiality Protections



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The Senator Jose Peralta NYS DREAM Act

- ◉ Access to NYS-administered grants and scholarships
- ◉ Students with various immigration statuses can now access:
 - TAP: need-based NYS tuition grants which covers up to \$5,165
 - Excelsior Scholarship: tuition grant for SUNY and CUNY which covers up to \$5,500
 - Enhanced Tuition Award: tuition award for private college attendance which covers up to \$6,000
 - 16 other financial aid programs will be available by Fall 2019

NYS DREAM Act

What it is

- A NYS law
- An opportunity for students with various immigrant statuses to receive NYS financial aid

What it isn't

- Extension of the Federal DREAM act, protecting young immigrants from deportation
- Access to Federal aid
- Pathway to US Citizenship or Permanent Residency
- A scholarship itself

How HESC is protecting student information

- Immigration status and other information cannot be shared with any other state or federal agency (NYS DREAM ACT Section 17)
- Information can only be used to administer New York State program funds
- Measures in the application
- College ID as main form of identity for ALL students- regardless of immigration status