Recommended way to apply

Student completes FAFSA Application via the web at www.fafsa.gov priority before March 1st

Electronic Application
3 - 10 Business Days to Process

- Are you a New York State Resident? If so, FAFSA will send your application information to NYS HESC to initiate the TAP Grant process. You can access your TAP application at www.hesc.com.

- Did you provide a valid email address?
  - Yes: Student receives email with secure URL linking to the Student Aid Report (SAR)
  - No: Student receives paper SAR in the mail

- TAP Award notifications will be mailed to the student once the web application has been processed.

Audience: Student

Paper Application
2 – 4 Weeks to Process

- Did you provide a valid email address?
  - Yes: Student receives email with secure URL linking to the Student Aid Report (SAR)
  - No: Student receives paper SAR in the mail

- Are you a New York State Resident? If so, FAFSA will send your application information to NYS HESC to initiate the TAP Grant process. You can access your TAP application at www.hesc.com.

- TAP Award notifications will be mailed to the student once the ETA has been processed.

Audience: Student

- Results sent electronically to College (ISIR)
- College requests verification information: 2013 IRS transcript, W-2’s, and verification worksheet; Student must submit all requested information before award is finalized
- Student receives email with secure URL linking to the Student Aid Report (SAR)
- Finalized letter sent to student (tentative until all verification information is received and processed)

Audience: College

- Submitted electronically with PIN signatures (for parent and student)

Audience: Student

- Paper FAFSA Submitted to the Federal Processor

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Audience: Student

- Student receives paper SAR in the mail

Audience: Student

- Award letter sent to student (tentative until all verification information is received and processed)

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