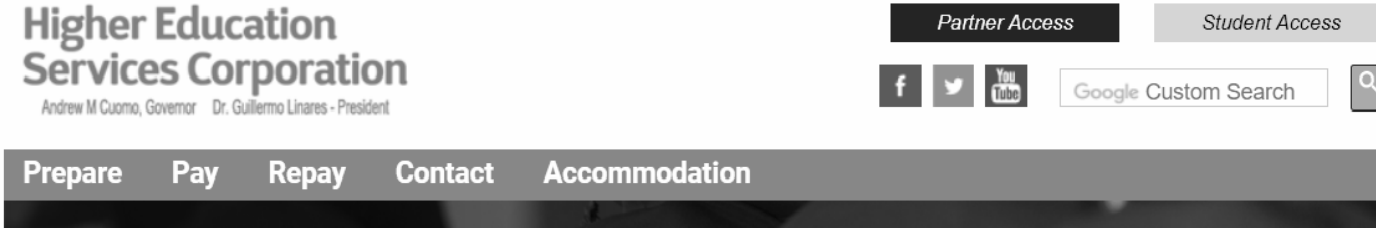
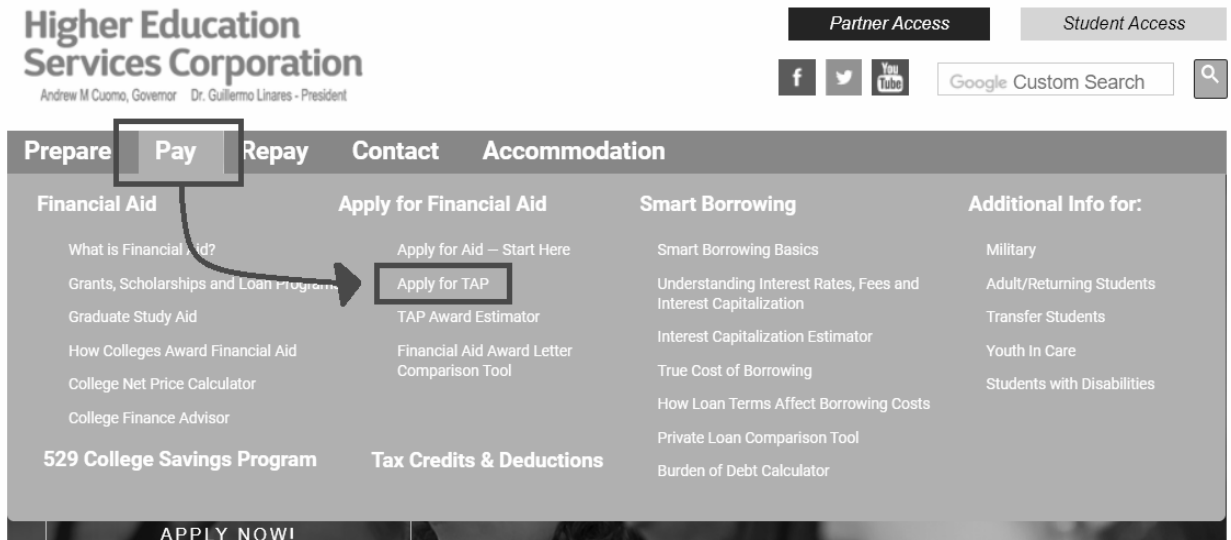


HOW TO ACCESS THE TAP APPLICATION WITHOUT GOING THROUGH THE FAFSA

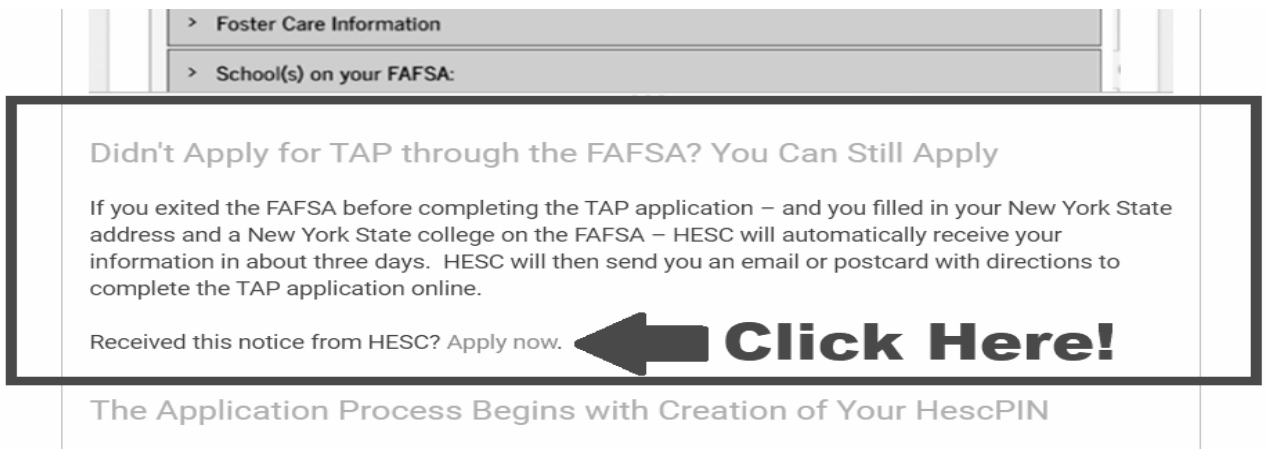
1. Go to hesc.ny.gov -- the website should look like this.



2. Hover the option that says PAY and select Apply for TAP.



3. After clicking on Apply for Tap, a new screen should open. This screen will give you a lot of information about TAP. To get to the application, you will need to scroll down until you see the paragraph that says "Didn't Apply for TAP through the FAFSA? You Can Still Apply"
4. At the bottom of the "Didn't Apply for TAP through the FAFSA? You Can Still Apply" paragraph, click on Apply Now.



5. After clicking on Apply Here, a new screen should open. Even if you have already created a PIN in the past, you still want to click here!

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Higher Education Services Corporation website. It includes the state logo, the organization's name, and links for Home, Login, and Contact Us. Below the navigation bar, the page title is "NYS Student Aid Payment Application". There is a link for the Spanish version of the application. The main introductory text welcomes users and explains the application process for the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP). A key instruction states that users must first create a user name and PIN, with a "Click here" link highlighted by a black arrow pointing to the right.

6. A new screen should open once again.
- If you have not already created a HESC User ID and PIN, click on the option that says “First time users click here to register with HESC”
--- Follow the steps to creating your login credentials and once completed, it will take you to the TAP application.
 - If you have already created a HESC User ID and PIN in the past, login here. If you do not remember your login information, click on “I forgot my User ID or PIN”
---Once you have logged in, it will ask you to confirm your contact information (you must check the check box to continue) before continuing to the application. Then select the academic year you wish to apply for, and you’re in the application!

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The screenshot displays the "HESCPIN Authentication System" login interface. At the top, there are navigation links for Prepare, Pay, Repay, and Contact. The main heading is "HESCPIN Authentication System". A prominent instruction states: "First time users click here to register with HESC", with a black arrow pointing to the right towards the text "First time applying for TAP". Below this, it says "Returning Users Enter your HESCPIN User ID and PIN." and provides instructions on how to sign in. A note indicates that required information is marked with an asterisk. A large instruction reads: "I have applied for TAP in the past." Below this is a login form with three input fields: "*User ID:", "*PIN:", and "*Last four digits of SSN:". To the left of the form, there is a section for users who forgot their credentials, with a large "OR" and a downward arrow. At the bottom of the form are three buttons: "Enter", "Clear", and "Exit". A black arrow points to the right from the "First time applying for TAP" text.