

# **EXCELSIOR SCHOLARSHIP – LEHMAN COLLEGE INFORMATION SHEET**

Spring 2018 semester – new applicants only

## **Who can apply for the Spring 2018 semester?**

- First time college students
  - Students who did not apply for the Fall 2017 semester and have already accumulated 15 credits
  - Students who have caught up on their credit requirements
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- File your FAFSA at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) FAFSA code - 007022
  - File your TAP application at <https://www.tap.hesc.ny.gov/totw/> TAP code - 1412
  - File the Excelsior Scholarship application at <https://www.hesc.ny.gov/excelsior/> **by 12/4/17**.
- You must have your FAFSA and TAP applications in place before the Excelsior application deadline*
- Submit the Excelsior application.
  - Upon submission, you will immediately receive an email confirming receipt of your application.
  - You will then receive an email within 5-7 business days informing you if your application was approved (meaning that you met the initial criteria) or if your application was denied.
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- If your application is approved, log in to your HESC account and sign your Excelsior Scholarship E-contract. Alternatively, you may sign a paper contract which you must download, sign and upload. You must complete either method by **12/14/17**.
  - If you receive the Excelsior Scholarship, it will be posted to your Financial Aid Award Summary page in CUNYfirst and will become a tuition credit on your student account. You can expect to receive award notices from CUNY and from New York State (HESC) once your eligibility is determined. The scholarship will be posted to your CUNYfirst account as soon as we receive verification from HESC of your award. It is expected that the award should be on your account about a month into the Spring 2018 semester. If you are deemed eligible or potentially eligible for the scholarship, a hold will be placed on your account in order to ensure that your classes are not dropped.
  - If you are a new freshman, entering in the Spring of 2018, you must complete 30 credits between the Spring 2018 and Fall 2018 semesters. If you are a continuing or a transfer student, you should have completed 30 credits towards your degree each year you were enrolled. Regardless of your academic status, In order to maintain your eligibility, it is **strongly recommended** that you enroll for 15 credits in the Spring 2018 semester.

## **Additional Information and Help**

- **If you have specific questions regarding your eligibility for the Excelsior Scholarship at Lehman (credit accumulation and/or requirements, etc.), please email your detailed questions to [Excelsior.Scholarship@Lehman.CUNY.edu](mailto:Excelsior.Scholarship@Lehman.CUNY.edu)**
- For additional information or questions about the program or the application, you can call the NYSHESC helpline # at (888)697-4372 (press #4 for Excelsior Scholarship information) or email them at [excelsior@hesc.ny.gov](mailto:excelsior@hesc.ny.gov).
- You can also check the HESC website at <https://www.hesc.ny.gov/excelsior/> or the Lehman website at <http://www.lehman.edu/news/New-Excelsior-Scholarship-Enables-Many-New-York-State-Residents-to-Attend-CUNY-for-Free.php>
- If you require assistance with completing your FAFSA, TAP or Excelsior Scholarship application(s), or you require assistance uploading documents, please come to the Financial Aid Internet Lab located in Shuster Hall, Room 131A.