



How to renew the Excelsior Scholarship for 2018-19

The guidelines below are directed toward current recipients of the Excelsior Scholarship. Most undergraduate students originally applied for Excelsior during the summer of 2017, and therefore had an Excelsior Scholarship during the Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 semesters. Some students who applied in the fall have the Excelsior Scholarship for only the Spring 2018 term.

- Register for at least 12 credits that satisfy degree requirements for the Fall 2018 semester.
- If you enrolled as a first-time freshman in a fall term, you should earn at least 30 credits that satisfy degree requirements during the current academic year (Fall 2017, Winter 2018, Spring 2018, and Summer 2018). College credits earned while in high school (i.e. banked credits) can be applied toward the 30-credit rule if they have not been previously used to satisfy the 30-credit rule. There are exceptions to the 30-credit rule for a student's final term of study.
- If you first enrolled in college in a fall term and do not satisfy the 30-credit rule by the end of the Summer 2018 term, the college would be obligated to retroactively cancel the Spring 2018 Excelsior Scholarship at some point over the summer. This would create an untimely bill balance for the Spring 2018 term.
- If you enrolled as first-time freshman in a spring term, you must earn at least 30 credits that satisfy degree requirements by the end of the future winter term (i.e. Spring 2018, Summer 2018, Fall 2018, and Winter 2019). College credits earned while in high school (i.e. banked credits) can be applied toward the 30-credit rule if they have not been used previously to satisfy the 30-credit rule. There are exceptions to the 30-credit rule for a student's final term of study.
- Complete a [FAFSA](#) and [TAP Application](#) for 2018-19. Students who have an Excelsior Scholarship during the Spring 2018 semester do **not** need to complete the [Excelsior Application](#) again.

How to receive the Excelsior Scholarship for the first time in 2018-19

The guidelines below are directed toward undergraduate students who are currently enrolled at Herkimer College and have never received the Excelsior Scholarship before.

- Complete a [FAFSA](#), [TAP Application](#), and [Excelsior Application](#) for 2018-19. The Excelsior application deadline is July 23, 2018.
- Satisfy all of the [eligibility criteria](#) listed on the HESC website (NYS resident, AGI < \$110k, etc.).
- If you attended college prior to the 2018-19 academic year, and earned at least 30 credits each year (successively) that satisfy degree requirements prior to applying for Excelsior.
- A student who is not on track to complete an Associate's degree in two consecutive years (which requires completion of the equivalent of 30 credits each academic year) can catch up on missing credits to become eligible for an Excelsior Scholarship. If a student successfully earns additional credits during a term or academic year and gets back on track to complete a degree on time, he or she will become eligible to receive an Excelsior Scholarship for the remainder of that student's undergraduate degree program.