

NEW YORK STATE HIGHER EDUCATION SERVICES CORPORATION

**EXCELSIOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
Income Eligibility Determination Form 2025-26**

You were recently notified of your ineligibility for the Excelsior Scholarship because household federal adjusted gross income (AGI) is greater than \$125,000. Applicants may use their current income to establish income eligibility in the event of the disability, divorce or separation of the applicant, parent or spouse or the death of a parent or spouse occurring prior to the start of the academic year.

To appeal this decision, you must complete sections I and II of this form. Upload the completed form and all required documentation as instructed in sections II and III to: <https://www.hesc.ny.gov/ExcelsiorIncomeAppeals>.

***Please note that failure to provide all required information and documentation will result in a denial of your appeal.**

I. STUDENT INFORMATION

- 1. Name (Last, First, MI): _____
- 2. SSN (last four digits): _____
- 3. Date of Birth: _____

II. BASIS OF APPEAL

Check the basis for your appeal and provide the documentation as indicated.

	REASON	REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION
	Death of a parent or spouse	Death Certificate and Statement of Relationship
	Divorce of a parent or the applicant	Divorce Decree
	Separation of a parent or the applicant	Separation Decree or Separation Agreement filed with the Court
	Total and permanent physical or mental disability of a parent, spouse or applicant	Physician’s statement, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Certification that the disability is total and permanent• Date parent, spouse or applicant became totally and permanently disabled

III. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Provide copies of the most recent W2 tax form(s), 1099 tax form(s) and NYS Tax Return(s) for the applicant and parent or spouse, as applicable.