Reference Guide

**Do I qualify to receive the Excelsior Scholarship?**

⇒ Students who have attended college prior to applying for Excelsior must have earned 30 degree applicable credits per year
  → The yearly 30 credit requirement begins with the first semester of college attendance
⇒ Students pursuing Bachelor’s degrees must complete their degrees in 4 consecutive years

**How to maintain award eligibility**

⇒ Enroll in at least 12 credits per term that are applicable to your program of study
⇒ Complete at least 30 credits per year that are applicable to your program of study
  → Courses taken during winter or summer sessions can count toward the 30 credit requirement

**Course Compliance**

⇒ Only courses **required** to earn your degree are applicable to your program of study
  → General education requirements
  → Major courses
  → Elective credits necessary to reach minimums required for degree completion
⇒ Transfer Evaluations must be completed to determine course compliance
  → Courses transferred must be applicable to current program of study

**Catching up on credits**

⇒ Earning a Bachelor’s Degree in four years requires completion of at least 30 degree applicable credits per year
⇒ Students lacking required credits can earn additional credits to get back on track for timely degree completion in order to receive Excelsior in future terms
  → Credit catch-up only applies to students who have never received an Excelsior award
⇒ College credit(s) earned prior to matriculation in a degree program can contribute to enrollment requirements, if applicable to degree program

**Questions?**

⇒ Transfer evaluation
  → Transfer Center - transfercenter@baruch.cuny.edu
⇒ Residency/Citizenship
  → Undergraduate Admissions - residencyunit@baruch.cuny.edu
⇒ Ability to Benefit (ATB) test
  → Office of Testing and Evaluation - testing.evaluation@baruch.cuny.edu
⇒ Course compliance
  → Office of the Registrar - excelsior@baruch.cuny.edu
⇒ Payment disbursement questions
  → Office of the Bursar - bursar@baruch.cuny.edu

Helpful links

Make sure to check the HESC website for any updates/revisions to Excelsior policies.

**NYS HESC:**


**Excelsior FAQ:**


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- NYS residency
- US Citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Meet income eligibility limits
- Graduate from US high school or pass ATB test
- Maintain continuous enrollment-no breaks in attendance
- Sign contract agreeing to reside in NYS for length of time award was received

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