

New York

I Love New York



Flag:

Emblazoned on a dark blue field is the state coat of arms. The goddess Liberty holds a pole with a Liberty Cap on top. Liberty stands for freedom. At her feet is a discarded crown, representing freedom from England at the end of the revolutionary war. On the right is the goddess, Justice. She wears a blindfold and carries the scales of justice. Meaning that everyone receives equal treatment under the law. The state motto "Excelsior" on a white ribbon expresses the idea of reaching upward to higher goals. On the shield a sun rises over the Hudson highlands and ships sail the Hudson river. Above the shield is an eagle resting on a globe representing the Western Hemisphere.



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The state motto is "Excelsior", and some have called New York the **Excelsior State**. The trousers worn by the early Dutch settlers resulted in the **Knickerbocker State**. It has also sometimes been known as the **Gateway to the West**. But, when George Washington referred to New York state as "the seat of Empire" in 1784, he set the seed for the state's long-term nickname which appeared in around 1820 - the **Empire State**. It is this which appears on state licence plates.

Economy:

Agriculture: Dairy products, cattle and other livestock, vegetables, nursery stock, apples.

Industry: Printing and publishing, scientific instruments, electric equipment, machinery, chemical products, tourism.