FINANCIAL AID DISCLOSURES

The following statements apply to ALL financial aid programs administered by NYIT:

- Financial Aid award(s) are not guaranteed and are subject to any and all revisions in federal, state and institutional policies, availability of funds, changes in enrollment, minimum grade requirements, housing status, and timely submission of all required documentation, including official transcripts, as well as correction of any miscalculation of awards. Student's financial aid eligibility requires registration in appropriate program level courses. It is the student's responsibility to request, complete and submit all forms with necessary documentation for all financial aid programs, including scholarships, in a timely manner. Awards are not granted retroactively and are subject to funds availability. All students must meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements at all times in order to receive and retain financial aid. NYIT reserves all rights to review and/or modify its financial aid programs. All programs are subject to change due to revisions in federal or state government or institutional policies.

- It is the student's responsibility to be aware of all filing deadlines for financial aid and to notify the Financial Aid Office of any changes in enrollment, housing status and dependency.

- Students should be aware that in the event of an overaward, a situation that occurs when the amount of aid exceeds the student's financial need or cost of attendance, federal regulations require that the aid be reduced to within the student's established educational cost of attendance.

- Financial Aid Consumer Information can be found at: http://www.nyit.edu/financial_aid/consumer_information/

The following statements apply to Federal Loan programs administered by NYIT:

- Federal loans may be accepted or rejected online at NYIT Connect. All loans must be repaid in accordance with the repayment terms associated with the loan. If a student wishes to borrow less than the offered amount, they can reduce their loan awards online via self-service.

- Loans that are accepted will not be processed for disbursement until all required paperwork is completed and submitted. If the student is a first time borrower of the Direct Stafford subsidized and/or unsubsidized loans they are required to complete Entrance Counseling and a Master Promissory Note. Parent/Graduate PLUS loans, if a first time borrower, require a PLUS Master Promissory Note. Also there is an annual credit check. All of these processes must be completed at www.studentloans.gov.
  - If a PLUS applicant has been denied a PLUS loan, s/he could obtain an endorser or s/he may choose to document to the satisfaction of the U.S. Department of Education that there are extenuating circumstances related to his/her adverse credit history. Once either of these courses of action have been completed, the PLUS applicant is also required to complete PLUS Credit Counseling on www.studentloans.gov.

- Federal Perkins Loans require additional paperwork once accepted. If the student is a first time borrower of a Perkins Loan, he or she will be instructed where to go to sign the Perkins Loan Master Promissory Note and to complete Perkins Loan Entrance Counseling.
  - Note: Per H.R. 3594, the Federal Perkins Loan Program Extension Act of 2015, which was signed by President Barack Obama in December 2015, there is now a limit to new loans to undergraduates who have remaining need after accounting for all Direct Loan eligibility (both subsidized and unsubsidized). No new loans could be made to graduate students, although some current graduate borrowers would be grandfathered. Grandfathering for undergraduate students would differ from the conditions applicable currently, and their period of grandfathering would be curtailed. The bill would prohibit on a final basis: (1) any new loans after September 30, 2017; (2) any future appropriations to the Perkins Loan Program; and (3) applicability of any future
extensions of the Higher Education Act under General Education Provisions Act (GEPA) to Perkins. The progress of this bill will be monitored.

- **SULA (Subsidized Usage Limit Applies):** Limits a first-time borrower’s eligibility for Direct Subsidized Loans to a period not to exceed 150% of the length of the borrower’s educational program. Under certain conditions, the provision also causes first-time borrowers who have exceeded the 150% limit to lose the interest subsidy on their Direct Subsidized Loans.

The following statement applies to an offer for an Alternative Loan:

- Alternative Loan amounts represent what a student may be eligible to borrow. These loans are available from outside lending agencies and it is the student's responsibility to find a suitable lender and apply directly with that lender if they so choose. These loans are based on credit worthiness and may require a co-signer. These loans will not be applicable toward any NYIT balance until NYIT receives a request from the lender to certify the loan, and the Financial Aid Office approves the amount.

The following statements apply to the Federal College Work Study Program:

- College Work Study funds are awarded through the Office of Financial Aid. The Office of Student Employment is responsible for all other aspects of NYIT's CWS Program. Students are required to contact the Office of Student Employment to initiate a job search, no later than October 1 for the Fall semester and February 15 for the Spring semester. Failure to do so may result in a CWS award being withdrawn.
- College Work Study (CWS) awards represent the amount up to which students are eligible to earn. Employment in the CWS program is based on job availability and is not guaranteed. Students will be required to terminate the CWS position once the CWS allocation has been reached.
- CWS funds will not be counted toward any outstanding balance with the college.
- Students who obtain CWS employment receive a regular paycheck for hours worked.
- CWS awards not accepted within 30 days may be withdrawn.

The following statements apply to NYIT scholarships and grants:

- NYIT administers its academic scholarships for tuition only on a semester by semester basis. Each scholarship has a defined set of renewal criteria. These include but are not limited to maintaining the prescribed CGPA, the completion of full time credits per semester and continuous registration for full time credits within a student's program. (Full Time Enrollment on the Undergraduate level is defined as 12 or more credits per semester; Graduate level is defined as 9 or more credits per semester.) Students are notified of the renewal criteria on individual scholarships upon initial awarding by Admissions. Undergraduate students must maintain full-time enrollment and be matriculated in NYIT to receive NYIT Scholarships; only one semester may be prorated.
- Eligibility for NYIT Scholarships, Assistantships, and Grants are limited to students whose campus location home site is either Manhattan or Old Westbury. All institutional scholarships and grants are available only for the fall and spring semesters.
- NYIT Scholarships are available for a maximum of 8 semesters of continuous undergraduate enrollment, and a maximum of 6 consecutive semesters for a Transfer Scholarship. If a student is enrolled in an approved 5 Yr. program, the scholarship will be available for a maximum of 10 semesters for continuous undergraduate enrollment, and a maximum of 8 consecutive semesters for a Transfer Scholarship. BS/DO students will be eligible for the undergraduate scholarship for the first three years of the program.
- The review for the renewal of NYIT Scholarships is completed once all grades for the prior
semester have been submitted. If a scholarship renewal is listed on the Award Letter prior to all grades being submitted and reviewed, the scholarship amount is only an ESTIMATE.

- Alumni Recognition Awards are available to students who hold a Bachelor's or Master's degree from NYIT and enroll as fully matriculated students in graduate level courses at NYIT. Applications must be submitted by the established deadlines for review and consideration: Deadline for Fall semester - August 15; Deadline for Spring semester - January 15.

- There is a scholarship appeal process in place if extenuating circumstances cause the loss of a scholarship. Students must submit to the Scholarship Appeals Committee, a letter explaining the extenuating circumstances and the committee will review and make a determination whether the scholarship will be renewed on a probationary basis. Submission of an appeal letter does not guarantee that the award will be reinstated.

- It is the student's responsibility to notify the Financial Aid Office of any outside scholarships, grants or loans. Receipt of outside aid may affect currently offered aid.

The following statements apply to NYIT's Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy:

- All students are required to be making measurable progress toward their degree requirements. For further details, see NYIT's Undergraduate and Graduate catalogs for the specific policy relating to Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP). Students are required to meet both qualitative and quantitative measurements.

- A student's progress is measured after every semester. Students not meeting the standards of SAP will be notified in writing, and their financial aid for the following semester may either be withdrawn or the student will be placed on Warning, meaning they will be eligible for only the next semester's financial aid. Students placed on a Warning status will have one semester to improve. A SAP Warning Status does not pertain to any NYIT Scholarships, if renewal criteria is not met.

- An appeal process is in place for students who have lost their financial aid due to the SAP review. Extenuating circumstances must be evident. Documentation will be required. A maximum of two appeals will be reviewed.

- NYIT's SAP Policy is separate and distinct from the Academic Probation and Suspension policy administered by the Registrar's Office.

- NYIT's SAP Policy is separate and distinct from the New York State Tuition Assistance Program's (TAP) policy on satisfactory academic progress.

- NYIT's SAP Policy is separate and distinct from requirements for scholarship renewal. An approved SAP appeal does not guarantee the reinstatement of a scholarship, as the student will need to complete a separate Scholarship Appeal for the Scholarship Appeal Committee’s review and decision.

The following statements apply to NYIT's Withdrawal Policy as it relates to Financial Aid:

- Students who withdraw from the college (either officially or unofficially) are subject to a federally required review of their federal aid called Return to Title IV Funds (R2T4). Once a student withdraws, NYIT is required to determine if they are eligible to retain any of their financial aid. A calculation is utilized which uses the following information: the date of the withdrawal, the financial aid received and the amount of tuition charged.

- NYIT utilizes software provided by the federal government to determine how much of a student's federal financial aid must be either retained or returned. The calculation is based on the percentage of time that a student attends classes.

- If NYIT returns funds to the government due to the R2T4 calculation, the student is then responsible for any subsequent open balance to the institution caused by the return of funds.
The following statements apply to the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) (for New York State residents only):

- TAP is a need-based grant awarded by New York State. A separate application is required, although students may link to the TAP application when filing the yearly FAFSA.
- The TAP award that is displayed on the award letter is an ESTIMATE only. Students will receive an actual award from the New York State Higher Education Services Corp (NYSHESC) via e-mail.
- TAP is for full time undergraduate study only (12 credits per semester).
- TAP has its own criteria to determine Satisfactory Academic Progress. Refer to the NYIT catalog to review these criteria.

The following statements apply to general academic requirements:

- Eligibility for federal, state and institutional financial aid may be impacted and/or revised if any of the following situations apply:
  - If a student is pursuing an undergraduate level program of study but is registered for graduate level courses.
  - If a student is pursuing a graduate level program but is registered for undergraduate level courses (unless these courses have been approved by the academic advisor as preparatory coursework and the Office of Financial Aid has been notified).
  - Preparatory coursework financial aid eligibility is calculated upon the receipt of appropriate submission of signed forms (downloadable on the Financial Aid website).
- Students registered for courses that are not applicable to the designated program or degree may not be eligible for financial aid for these courses. Taking courses outside the degree or designated program could affect full time enrollment status.

The following statements apply to student financial aid records:

- Students are responsible for updating and maintaining accuracy in personal and demographic information as reported to the Office of Financial Aid.
- Communication with NYIT students shall be via officially assigned NYIT E-Mail addresses, Telephonic and Text Messaging and Federal Postal mailings; students are considered officially notified.
- NYIT disclaims all liabilities for damages arising from the NYIT Student Information System of record, whether caused by data entry, programming error, computer malfunction or any other possible circumstance that may result in misinformation.
- NYIT complies with the Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) which affords students certain privacy rights with respect to their educational records. If a student wishes disclosure of his or her financial aid information to someone else, a signed and notarized FERPA Release Form is required to be on file in the Financial Aid Office.

The following statements apply to FAFSA filing:

- If a student's FAFSA is selected for Verification, any requested information, including but not limited to IRS Tax Transcripts, Verification Worksheets, Proof of Non Taxable Income, etc. must be submitted as soon as notified before any federal financial aid can be disbursed. Based on Verification, the Financial Aid Office will make any necessary corrections to FAFSA information, which may change a student's eligibility for some financial aid programs.
- All students and parent(s) who complete the FAFSA using ESTIMATED income information are required to correct this information once the IRS Tax Returns have been filed. Not doing so, may prevent federal financial aid from disbursing in a timely fashion.
- Any changes to FAFSA information made by the student or parent(s), could affect a student's
eligibility for financial aid. These corrections could include changes to income, family size, assets, housing plans, etc.