

Financial Aid Application Procedure- January 2018

- **What aid programs are available?** Federal Pell Grants, Federal Direct student and parent loans, and New York State Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) Grants. See “Aid At A Glance: January 2017” for a brief description of these programs, and “Aid Guide: January 2018” for more detailed information.
- **How do I apply?** Complete both the 2017-18 and 2018-19 *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)* at www.fafsa.ed.gov after October 1, 2017. New this year: both FAFSA’s will require 2015 income so they are easily completed at the same time. FAFSA school code is 015201 (“Rochester General-Isabella Graham Hart School of Practical Nursing”). Use the "IRS Data Retrieval Tool" within the FAFSA to have the IRS import income information from your 2015 tax return into your FAFSA.
- **TAP Tip:** Use the link on the FAFSA confirmation page to complete your TAP application.
- **Are there other grants I can apply for?**
 - 1a. If you live in Monroe County, you may be eligible for a grant administered by a county agency called **Rochester Works**. Call them at 258-3500 for more information to apply for the grant.
 - 1b. If you live in a county other than Monroe, email toni.greenlee@rochesterregional.org NOW for contact information for your county.
 2. The Western NY Rural Area Health Center (**R-AHEC**) offers grants to eligible persons that are currently employed by a healthcare facility. Call 585-786-6275 for more information and to apply.
 3. Search for grants online at www.fastweb.org.
- **What if I might need a student loan?** Go to www.studentloans.gov and complete (1) a Master Promissory Note and (2) Entrance Counseling IF you have not already completed these forms to borrow here or at any other school. The school name is listed as Rochester General-Isabella Graham Hart School of Practical Nursing. Completing these forms does NOT obligate you to borrow; it just makes the process quicker if you do borrow.
- **Can I get financial aid if I have a student loan in default?** No, you are not eligible for ANY federal or NYS financial aid. However, most students are able to originate a Federal Consolidation Loan at www.studentloans.gov to pay off all of their Stafford loans, including any in default, and regain eligibility for financial aid. Start NOW because this process takes 30-90 days.
- **How much aid am I eligible for?** Accepted students are required to meet individually with Toni Greenlee, the IGHSPN Financial Advisor, to determine aid eligibility and/or finalize payment arrangements. You will leave the meeting with a copy of your Student Account Record detailing the costs of the program, the actual or estimated financial aid you are eligible for, the amount and due date of any payment you may owe to the school, and the amount and date of any refund you may be eligible for.
- **Got questions?** Contact Toni Greenlee, at Toni.Greenlee@rochesterregional.org, or 922-1431.