

What's Next?

All students should...

- Sign and date the award letter and return a copy to the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships. If you wish to decline or reduce any of the awards, draw a line through the award and either write "decline" next to it or write the reduced amount. Once your RIT account is set up, this can be done electronically at www.my.rit.edu.
- Submit copies of awards from outside agencies, such as VR, tuition waiver/exchange, or private scholarships. All private scholarship checks should be submitted to the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships.

If your award includes...

Estimated VR:

- Contact the Vocational Rehabilitation Office near your home to apply for VR support.

New York State (NYS) TAP Grant:

- If you have not completed a NYS TAP Application online, please do so at www.hesc.com. Click on "Applying for Financial Aid." You can also check the status of your award at this link.

"Pending Verification" Message:

RIT does not require your tax returns unless either your award letter or your most recent SAR indicates that you have been selected for the verification process.

- Complete and submit the Verification Worksheet included in your award packet. If you need a duplicate, you can download one at <http://www.rit.edu/emcs/financialaid/forms.php> or you can contact us to have one mailed to you.

- Submit signed copies of your and (if applicable) your spouse's 2010 federal or foreign tax return and W-2s. If you and your spouse (if applicable) were not required to file a 2010 federal or foreign tax return, check the box "will not file and not required to file a return" on the Verification Worksheet.

- Submit signed copies of your parents' 2010 federal or foreign tax return and W-2s (not required if you meet the federal government's criteria of independence as defined in the FAFSA). If your parent(s) were not required to file a 2010 federal or foreign tax return, check the box "will not file and not required to file a return" on the Verification Worksheet.

- Once all the above steps have been completed, follow the steps below for each federal loan offered on your award letter, if you are a first-time borrower:

Direct Subsidized and/or Unsubsidized Student Loans:

- Complete your electronic Master Promissory Note (eMPN) and Entrance Counseling online at <http://studentloans.gov>. You will need your Federal Student Aid PIN.

Federal Perkins Loan:

- Complete an electronic Master Federal Perkins Loan Promissory Note and a Statement of Rights and Responsibilities at www.ecsi.net/prom02. You will need your Federal Student Aid pin.