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**RIT/NTID FINANCIAL AID**  
AND SCHOLARSHIPS

# An Exceptional Value An Outstanding Investment An Affordable Choice

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## A Commitment to Affordability

RIT offers a comprehensive financial aid program consisting of merit scholarships and a full range of need-based grants, loans, and campus employment programs that provide assistance to RIT students and families. Many students take advantage of our payment plans, tuition prepayment plan, and opportunities to earn substantial salaries through RIT's internationally recognized cooperative education (co-op) program. We believe we can help you and your family afford the quality education you are looking for. The investment you make in an RIT education will last a lifetime.

## Merit-Based Scholarships

Merit-based scholarships at RIT/NTID are awarded in recognition of outstanding academic and extracurricular achievements, regardless of a student's financial need. These scholarships are most often awarded based on a review of information already provided to NTID's Office of Admissions as part of the admission process. A separate application is not required for most of these scholarships.

Some students who are awarded merit-based scholarships choose not to apply for need-based financial aid. Many others receive merit-based scholarships as part of a comprehensive financial aid award that may also include need-based grants, federal- or state-sponsored grants, loans, or employment opportunities.

## Need-Based Financial Aid

Need-based financial aid is awarded to students who demonstrate financial need. The information your family provides on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is used to calculate an expected family contribution toward educational expenses, based on a government-approved formula. If your expected family contribution is less than the total cost of an RIT/NTID education (tuition, fees, room and board, and allowances for books, supplies, transportation, and personal expenses), you have demonstrated financial need. The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships will determine your eligibility for RIT/NTID, federal, and other financial aid programs based on financial need.

## Applying for Need-Based Financial Aid

At RIT, new students complete only the FAFSA to apply for need-based financial aid. You automatically will be considered for all need-based financial aid programs provided by RIT, as well as federal and state financial aid programs. You can complete the FAFSA online.

Here is how to apply:

- You may complete the FAFSA online at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). Have results sent to RIT by including our federal school code, which is **002806**.

The application is available beginning October 1 but our priority filing deadlines are listed below so that you will receive your award information prior to your admission deposit deadline:

### FAFSA Priority Filing Deadline

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Early Decision 1      **November 1**

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Early Decision 2      **January 1**

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Regular Decision      **January 15**

If you are a resident of New York state, you also can apply for the **New York State Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)** by completing the *TAP on the Web* application at [www.TAPweb.org](http://www.TAPweb.org). If you are not a resident of New York state, check with your state scholarship agency to see if you can use your state scholarship or grant at RIT.

## Your Financial Aid Award

Your financial aid award may contain a combination of several types of aid from a variety of sources, including the federal government, state government, and RIT. Your award may include grants, scholarships, student loans, or part-time employment. The scholarship and financial aid programs used most often at RIT are outlined in charts on pages 8 and 9 of this publication.



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Alicia counsels deaf and hard-of-hearing students and their parents regarding the financial aid process. She helps determine

student eligibility for federal, state, and NTID need-based financial aid programs. In addition, Alicia communicates with Vocational Rehabilitation counselors across the United States to assist in determining their level of financial support for deaf and hard-of-hearing students.

Alicia works in RIT's Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships, located in the Bausch & Lomb Center on campus. Please feel free to contact Alicia at 585-475-2186 or email [ntidaid@rit.edu](mailto:ntidaid@rit.edu) if you have financial aid questions or if you wish to make an appointment for a counseling session at RIT.

# Merit-Based Scholarship Programs

Deaf and hard-of-hearing students with outstanding academic credentials can receive substantial scholarships through our merit-based scholarship programs.



## NTID President's Scholarship for Academic Excellence

The NTID President's Scholarship for Academic Excellence awards eligible first-year RIT/NTID students who are deaf or hard of hearing from \$2,000 to \$4,000 annually for up to four years. This scholarship recognizes students who are academically outstanding. Financial need is not considered in selecting scholarship winners.

Scholarship awards are based on students' academic record, ACT or SAT scores, activities in high school or at other colleges, and the letters of recommendation included with their application for admission.

To receive consideration for this scholarship, students must submit all required parts of the RIT/NTID admissions application, as well as their secondary school transcripts showing grades and ACT or SAT scores, no later than January 15, 2019. Applications received by this date will be reviewed by our Committee on Academic Excellence to identify qualified candidates.

Scholarships awarded to entering freshmen are renewable for three additional academic years if the student maintains a cumulative 2.8 grade-point average (measured at the end of each academic year).

## National Merit Scholarships

- **RIT National Merit Scholarship**—RIT is a full participant with the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) program for National Merit Scholars. Admitted freshmen designated as NMSC finalists will receive the highest Presidential Scholarship offered (\$4,000). Recipients also qualify for an additional **\$2,000 annually** through a combination of the RIT National Merit Scholarship and/or RIT NMSC Recognition Award.
- **RIT NMSC Recognition Award**—provided to recipients who receive the **\$1,000 annual** RIT National Merit Scholarship.
- **RIT National Hispanic Scholar Award**—RIT honors the recipient's academic excellence by providing an **annual \$2,000** scholarship in addition to any other RIT scholarships the student may receive. Recipient must be designated by the College Board as a National Hispanic Recognition Program scholar.

## Other Merit-Based Scholarships

RIT offers a number of merit-based scholarship programs in addition to those described above for freshmen admitted to both associate and bachelor's degree programs. Additional information can be found on pages 8 and 9 of this publication.

# FAQ

We are interested in helping you understand the ins and outs of financing your college education at RIT. Here are some questions we frequently receive from prospective students and parents:

**Q: If I am a deaf or hard-of-hearing student enrolling in a BS degree program, do I pay the same rate as a hearing student?**

No. Once you are accepted into a bachelor's degree program as a deaf or hard-of-hearing student, you will pay reduced tuition rates (see page 6).

**Q: We've been told we probably will not qualify for aid. Should we bother to apply?**

Yes, you should! Many factors are taken into consideration in determining a family's financial need, and each family's circumstances are unique, so you can't know what you'll qualify for without completing the aid application process. There is no arbitrary cutoff for determining a family's eligibility for financial aid. The income range of those eligible for some amount of assistance is wide.

**Q: Are all families expected to contribute toward educational expenses?**

If the student is dependent upon his or her parents for support, then the expected family contribution will include amounts from both the student and parents, based on their respective incomes and assets. The contribution for students who are financially independent of their parents is based on the student's income and assets as well as on those of the student's spouse, if married. The amount you potentially need to contribute toward educational expenses is the difference between your cost of attendance (see page 6) and the financial aid you are offered.

**Q: When should I apply for aid?**

You should file your FAFSA after October 1 or soon after you have applied for admis-

sion. Our priority filing deadline dates are established so that we can notify you of your aid eligibility as soon as possible after you have been admitted. Don't wait until you have received your admission notification to complete the FAFSA!

**Q: Will I be eligible for the same amount of financial aid each year?**

In most cases, the answer is yes, but not in every case. Every effort will be made to continue a similar level of institutional gift aid each year. Students receiving merit-based scholarships do not need to reapply to renew those scholarships. Merit-based scholarships will automatically be renewed at the same level, as long as the renewal requirements are met.

Students must reapply for need-based financial aid each year. Assuming you remain in good academic standing, file the application forms by the recommended deadline and demonstrate a similar level of need, you can expect approximately the same level of institutional gift aid each year.

Examples of circumstances that might cause a change in a need-based financial aid award could include, but are not limited to:

- a significant rise or drop in family income;
- more or fewer siblings in college at the same time you are attending RIT; and
- more or fewer family members living at home.

**Q: What happens if our financial need changes after I enter college?**

While many families' financial needs remain constant while a student is attending college, some families will experience significant changes in their ability to contribute to their children's

education. Sometimes these changes can even occur during the middle of an academic year. We are always willing to review financial aid appeals from families experiencing difficulties due to significant changes in their circumstances.

**Q: If my parents are divorced or separated, which parent should provide the information required to apply for aid?**

You should answer the questions using information about the parent you lived with in the past 12 months. If you did not live with one parent more than with the other, then provide information for the parent who provided the most financial support for you. (Support would include money, gifts, loans, housing, food, clothes, medical care, etc.) Child support payments from your other parent will be taken into consideration, and information about the income and assets of any stepparent must also be provided. We realize that these situations can be sensitive and complicated. Please feel free to discuss your individual circumstances with your financial aid counselor. All information will remain confidential.

**Q: What is an EFC?**

EFC stands for Expected Family Contribution. This is used by all colleges and universities to determine a student's eligibility for federal financial aid programs. The EFC is calculated by the federal government's processor, based on the information you provide on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), using a formula known as the federal methodology. Your EFC will be the same at all colleges that receive results from your FAFSA. After you file your FAFSA, you will receive information from the federal processor that will inform you of your calculated EFC.

# Financing Options at RIT

There are several loan programs, employment programs, and payment plans available to assist families in meeting their expected family contribution. The programs listed below are available to students or parents without regard to financial need. Any family may participate in one or more of these programs:



## 1 Payment Options

Student Financial Services offers a number of payment options that will allow you to schedule your payments each semester. Information is included in orientation materials, or contact Student Financial Services at 585-475-6186.

## 2 Federal Direct Loan

The Federal Direct Loan program is the most popular student loan program, and it includes an “unsubsidized” Direct Loan program. In this program, students who do not qualify (based on need) to have the government pay loan interest while they are enrolled in college may choose to borrow an unsubsidized Direct Loan and pay the interest due during that period themselves.

This means that any RIT student enrolled at least half time may borrow the maximum loan amount for the current academic year. Depending on financial need, interest accrued during the enrollment period may be subsidized (paid by the government) or unsubsidized.

Independent students may add unsubsidized interest loans of \$4,000 to \$5,000 in addition to their normal Direct Loan amounts (resulting in a maximum \$12,500 eligibility for third-, fourth-, and fifth-year undergraduate students). For detailed information on this loan and other federal loans, visit [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov).

## 3 Federal Direct PLUS Loan

Perhaps the most popular aid program used to finance the family contribution is the Federal Direct Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS). This is a federally guaranteed loan that helps parents of dependent undergraduate students finance payment of their contribution toward educational costs. A parent may borrow up to the full cost of education minus other financial aid awarded. PLUS loans have a fixed interest rate set by the federal government. Parents who are denied for the PLUS loan based on a review of their credit may request that an additional Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan be processed in the student’s name. Dependent students may be eligible for up to \$4,000 as a freshman or sophomore, and \$5,000 as a junior or senior.

## 4 Alternative Educational Loans

Alternative Educational Loans are private (non-federal) loans offered through banks to supplement financial aid awards. We encourage students and families to use alternative loans as a last option after first pursuing all federal loan options (Direct and PLUS). For additional information on alternative loans see the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships website at [www.rit.edu/financialaid](http://www.rit.edu/financialaid).

## Tax Benefits and Other College Expenses Help

There are some significant tax benefits for families of college students.

The **American Opportunity Tax Credit** can be claimed for tuition and certain fees you pay for higher education. It is a tax credit of up to \$2,500 of the cost of qualified tuition and related expenses paid during the taxable year.

The **Lifetime Learning Tax Credit** is available for all types of postsecondary education. This credit provides up to \$2,000 per tax return. The **Tuition and Fees Tax Deduction** can reduce your taxable income by as much as \$4,000 and may benefit you if you are not eligible for any of the tax credits. More information on federal tax credits and deductions can be found by contacting the Internal Revenue Service at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

The state of New York has created the **New York 529 College Savings Plan**, which provides New York residents annual tax-exempt contributions to the plan of up to \$5,000 per contributor.

RIT is one of more than 270 members of the **Private College 529 Plan**, the only national prepaid tuition plan for independent colleges. Prepaid tuition plans allow families to lock in future tuition at current prices.

RIT is also one of more than 300 members of the **Sage Scholars Tuition Rewards Program**, a unique private college savings program. Tuition Rewards are discounts off tuition at participating private colleges and universities. For additional information, contact Sage Tuition Rewards at [www.sagescholars.com](http://www.sagescholars.com).

For additional information, visit [www.rit.edu/financialaid](http://www.rit.edu/financialaid).

## What Does It Cost for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Students to Attend RIT/NTID?

RIT is committed to ensuring that a quality education remains within the financial reach of deaf and hard-of-hearing students. Because RIT receives special federal support for deaf and hard-of-hearing students, we are able to offer you a top-quality education at a substantially reduced tuition rate.

Each year we develop estimated expense budgets for undergraduates who are deaf or hard of hearing. Tuition and fees are generally consistent from student to student, but total expenses may vary depending upon such factors as housing and meal plans. Student expense budgets include a \$2,054 yearly allowance for estimated book, transportation, and personal expenses. Financial aid awards take these estimated costs into consideration in addition to tuition and fees and room and board.

Charges for full-time deaf and hard-of-hearing resident students attending RIT/NTID in 2018–19 are listed below. Charges for 2019–20 will be announced in March 2019.

### 2018–19 Charges for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Students\*

	Academic Year (2 Semesters)
<b>Tuition**</b>	\$16,518
<b>Residence Hall Room (Double)</b>	\$7,598
<b>Board Plan (Standard)</b>	\$5,448
<b>Fees</b>	\$ 584
<b>Total</b>	\$30,148

\* These charges are for deaf and hard-of-hearing students who are enrolled in any undergraduate program and who are U.S. citizens. Students enrolled in an ASL-English Interpretation program also pay these charges.

\*\* U.S. student rate. (International students' rate is \$16,518 per semester.)



## Financial Benefits of Cooperative Education

All academic programs at RIT offer an experiential work component. Some programs require a practicum or internship, and many feature an optional or required cooperative education component. Each year RIT's cooperative education (co-op) program offers more than 4,400 students practical employment experience in conjunction with classroom learning.

Co-op typically begins after completion of the freshman year and requires that the student spend two or more co-op work periods employed in a full-time, paid position related to their academic interests. Nearly 2,300 co-op employers nationwide participate

in RIT's cooperative education program.

In addition to work experience, there are significant financial advantages to participating in co-op. Last year, co-op students earned more than \$45 million through employment. Average co-op salaries for specific academic programs may be obtained from the Office of Career Services and Cooperative Education website at [www.rit.edu/oce](http://www.rit.edu/oce). A portion of these cooperative education earnings can be used to offset tuition expenses charged when the student returns to the classroom.

Since tuition and fees are not charged while students are employed in co-op and not attending classes, the tuition costs associated with four years of education can also be spread over a more extended period of time. This often makes an RIT education even more affordable.



## RIT Offers Quality and Value

RIT is perennially recognized as one of the world's leading universities. *U.S. News & World Report* ranks RIT among the top 100 in the "National Universities" category. That same publication has listed RIT's College of Art and Design, Saunders College

of Business, and Kate Gleason College of Engineering among the country's best. *Princeton Review* includes RIT in its "Best 382 Colleges" and the 2017 edition of *Colleges That Create Futures*.

## Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)

Vocational Rehabilitation is a federally funded state program that helps people with disabilities find a suitable occupation. Because education and training can be an integral step in getting a good job, Vocational Rehabilitation often provides college funding to residents who meet specific requirements.

All deaf and hard-of-hearing students are expected to apply for VR. To apply for Vocational Rehabilitation funding, contact the Vocational Rehabilitation office nearest your home. Vocational Rehabilitation agencies in each state have their own methods of determining their level of support. There is no national standard.

The amount of VR support that appears in your financial aid award letter will have been estimated by our Office of Financial Aid. Your official funding level will be determined by your Vocational Rehabilitation agency. If the actual amount of VR support you receive is higher or lower than the amount estimated by our financial aid staff, then RIT will make any necessary adjustments in your financial aid award.

### Four Important Things to Ask Your VR Counselor

1. How does my state decide how much funding I will receive?
2. If I receive Supplemental Security Income, does that affect the VR support I am eligible for?
3. Does it matter if my parents claimed me on their taxes?
4. Does VR pay for the "Summer Orientation Program?"

For more information about Vocational Rehabilitation and a state-by-state directory of VR agencies, visit [www.ntid.rit.edu/VR](http://www.ntid.rit.edu/VR).

# 2019–2020 Undergraduate Freshman Scholarships and Financial Aid

## Merit-Based Scholarship General Guidelines

All admitted freshmen are reviewed by the Scholarship Selection Committee to determine each student's eligibility for RIT merit-based scholarships. Unless otherwise noted, no separate application is required.

Merit-based scholarships are competitive and are awarded in recognition of exceptional or outstanding academic achievement. Consideration may also be given to outstanding leadership, service, entrepreneurship, citizenship, or creativity. Portfolio evaluations or other evidence of creative excellence will also be considered for applicants to art, crafts, design, film, and photography programs.

To receive full consideration, applicants for fall entry must apply by November 1 (Early Decision I), January 1 (Early Decision II), or January 15 (Regular Decision). Unless otherwise noted, merit-based scholarships require a 2.8 cumulative grade-point average for renewal.

Merit-Based Scholarships	Eligibility	Amount	
<i>NTID President's Scholarship for Academic Excellence</i>	Recipients are selected based on their academic records, recommendations, activities, and the requirements for their academic program.	\$2,000 to \$4,000. Renewable.	
<i>NTID Academic Excellence Scholarship</i>	Recipients are chosen on the strength of their overall application materials: grade-point average, SAT/ACT scores, activities, and recommendations.	\$1,000 to \$4,000. Renewable.	
<i>NTID Associate+Bachelor's Degree Scholarship</i>	Recipients are those who are admitted into an Associate+Bachelor's Degree program and are chosen on the basis of their grade-point average, SAT/ACT scores, activities, and recommendations.	\$3,500, plus an additional \$1,000 once successfully enrolled in the bachelor's degree program. Renewable.	
<i>RIT Recognition Scholarship</i>	Provided to a select number of students who demonstrate meritorious academics, community involvement, leadership, or other characteristics that the university deems of value.	Minimum award is \$1,000. Renewable.	
<b>Merit-Based Scholarships for students accepted directly to RIT bachelor's degree programs. (Amounts have been prorated to reflect the lower tuition rate for deaf and hard-of-hearing students.)</b>			
<i>RIT National Merit Scholarship/ RIT NMSC Recognition Award</i>	Awarded to admitted freshmen who are National Merit Scholar finalists and name RIT as their 1 <sup>st</sup> choice school for NMSC.	\$1,000 or \$2,000 per year depending on need. Renewable as long as student meets NMSC guidelines.	RIT will receive finalist rosters from NMSC. Combination of the two awards equals \$2,000.
<i>RIT National Hispanic Scholar Award</i>	Awarded to admitted freshmen who are recognized by the College Board as National Hispanic Recognition Scholars.	\$2,000 per year. Renewable.	RIT will receive an official roster from the College Board NHRS program.
<i>RIT Presidential Scholarships</i>	Awarded to a select number of entering freshmen. Recipients demonstrate exceptional academic performance; receive exemplary letters of recommendation as well as strong entrance exam scores.	\$1,000 to \$4,500 per year. Renewable.	
<i>RIT Founders Scholarships</i>	Named to recognize the founders of RIT and its forerunners, Founders Scholarships are awarded to admitted freshmen who are outstanding academically, are active and involved in their schools or community, or demonstrate special talents or abilities. Consideration may also be given to outstanding leadership, service, entrepreneurship, citizenship, or creativity. Portfolio evaluations or other evidence of creative excellence will also be considered for applicants to art, crafts, design, film, and photography programs.	\$2,500 to \$3,500 per year. Renewable.	
<b>In addition to the award criteria listed above, the following merit-based scholarships have specific selection criteria and/or application procedures.</b>			
<i>RIT National Co-op Scholarships</i>	Awarded to outstanding admitted freshman students who, through their essay, reflect a clear enthusiasm for experiential learning.	\$2,500 per year. Renewable. Up to 10 awarded each year.	Submit scholarship application online at: <a href="http://www.waceinc.org">www.waceinc.org</a> .
<i>RIT/FIRST Robotics Scholarships</i>	Awarded to outstanding admitted freshman applicants who have participated on a high school FIRST team.	\$2,500 per year. Renewable. Up to 20 awarded each year.	Download scholarship application at: <a href="http://www.usfirst.org">www.usfirst.org</a> .
<i>RIT Project Lead The Way Scholarships</i>	Awarded to outstanding admitted freshmen who have completed two or more PLTW courses.	\$2,500 per year. Renewable. Up to 20 awarded each year.	Submit a letter of recommendation from a PLTW teacher along with RIT admission application and school transcripts by January 15.
<i>RIT Computing Medal Scholarships</i>	Award recipients nominated by their high schools who are admitted and enroll at RIT in the fall immediately following graduation from high school.	\$2,500 per year. Renewable.	Eligible students must be nominated by their high schools in the junior year for consideration.
<i>RIT Innovation &amp; Creativity Award Scholarships</i>	Award recipients nominated by their high schools who are admitted and enroll at RIT in the fall immediately following graduation from high school.	\$2,500 per year. Renewable.	Eligible students must be nominated by their high schools in the junior year for consideration.
<i>RIT/NTID Technology Scholar Award</i>	Deaf and hard-of-hearing award recipients nominated by their high school who are admitted and enroll at RIT in the fall immediately following graduation from high school.	\$1,000 per year. Renewable.	Eligible students must be nominated by their high schools in the junior year for consideration.



<b>RIT/NTID Creative Scholar Award</b>	Deaf and hard-of-hearing award recipients nominated by their high school who are admitted and enroll at RIT in the fall immediately following graduation from high school.	\$1,000 per year. Renewable.	Eligible students must be nominated by their high schools in the junior year for consideration.
<b>RIT Trustee Scholarships for Transfer Students</b>	Awarded to incoming full-time transfer students with an exceptional academic record.	\$4,000 to \$5,000 per year for qualified candidates. May be combined with Phi Theta Kappa scholarship. Renewable.	
<b>RIT Founders Scholarships for Transfer Students</b>	Awarded to incoming full-time transfer students with an excellent academic record.	\$2,500 per year for qualified candidates. May be combined with Phi Theta Kappa scholarship. Renewable.	
<b>RIT Phi Theta Kappa Scholarships for Transfer Students</b>	Awarded to transfer students with an associate degree elected to Phi Theta Kappa honor society.	\$700 per year. May be combined with RIT Trustee or Achievement Scholarship. Renewable.	Proof of PTK membership must be submitted with transfer application.

Need-Based Grants	Eligibility	Amount	Where to Apply
<b>NTID Grant-in-Aid</b>	NTID students who meet need criteria due to insufficient support from outside sources.	Amounts vary depending on need.	File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) after October 1.
<b>RIT/NTID Grant</b>	Students demonstrating financial need.	Amounts vary depending on need.	File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) after October 1.
<b>RIT RCSD Scholarships</b>	Awarded to qualified freshman graduates of the Rochester City School District who have both lived in the city and attended an approved high school within the RCSD for the last three years of high school.	Full tuition through a combination of RIT scholarships and state and federal need-based grants.	Must apply for admission to RIT by January 15 and be certified by the high school guidance office to be considered.
<b>Say Yes to Education Scholarships</b>	In partnership with Say Yes to Education, awarded to qualified participants in the Say Yes to Education program.	Full tuition through a combination of the RIT scholarships and state and federal need-based grants.	Must apply for admission to RIT by January 15 and be certified by Say Yes to be considered.
<b>Tuition Assistance Program (New York State)</b>	Full-time students who are New York state residents and meet state income guidelines.	\$500 to \$5,165 per year for entering freshmen.	File New York State TAP Application and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
<b>Federal Pell Grant</b>	Students who are pursuing their first bachelor's degree and meet need criteria.	\$652 to \$6,095 per year. Prorated for part-time study.	File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
<b>Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant</b>	Students with high financial need (normally those who qualify for Federal Pell Grant).	Average award is \$500.	File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
<b>Other State Grants</b>	Varies.	Amounts vary.	State education department in state of residency.

Loans	Eligibility	Amount	Where to Apply
<b>Federal Direct Loans</b>	All students enrolled at least half time in a degree program.	Maximum amount: 1st year: \$3,500; 2nd year: \$4,500; 3rd, 4th, 5th: \$5,500. Additional maximum \$2,000 Unsubsidized Federal Direct Loan—all years.	File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
<b>Federal Direct Loans—Independent Students</b>	All independent undergraduates enrolled at least half time in a degree program.	Maximum amount (including unsubsidized): 1st year: \$9,500; 2nd year: \$10,500; 3rd, 4th, 5th: \$12,500.	File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
<b>Federal Direct PLUS Loans</b>	Parent of a dependent student who is enrolled at least half time in a degree program.	Total cost of education minus all other financial aid awarded.	File the FAFSA and apply online at <a href="http://www.studentloans.gov">www.studentloans.gov</a> .

Employment	Eligibility	Amount	Where to Apply
<b>Federal Work-Study Program</b>	Students with financial need. Most jobs provided on campus. Some community service positions are available.	Varies, depending on hours and wage rate. RIT wage rates start at \$10.40 per hour.	File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

#### Notes

- This chart covers the most commonly awarded financial aid programs available to full-time undergraduate students at RIT. Information is correct as of 8/18.
- Most programs require satisfactory progress toward degree completion to maintain eligibility (see RIT Undergraduate Bulletin).
- Federal student aid programs are subject to government appropriations.
- Filing the FAFSA by the priority filing date will ensure priority consideration for all programs. Applications filed after this date will receive consideration as long as funds remain available.
- Merit-based scholarships provided to deaf and hard-of-hearing students enrolled in RIT baccalaureate programs are prorated to reflect lower tuition rates for those students.



## Grants to Non-New York State Residents

State aid programs frequently require that awarded funds be used within the state. However, some states allow funds to be used out of state. Contact the following agencies for more information if you are a resident of Vermont, Wisconsin, or Louisiana and are interested in attending RIT.

**Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance**  
602 N. Fifth St.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

**Wisconsin Higher Education Aids Board**  
P.O. Box 7885  
Madison, WI 53707-7885

**Vermont Student Assistance Corp.**  
Champlain Mill  
Box 2000  
Winooski, VT 05404

# Early Decision Awards

## Admission and Financial Aid Dates to Remember

Prospective freshmen applying for admission should be aware of the timetable below.

	Admission Application Deadline	Admission Notifications Begin	FAFSA Filing Priority Deadline	Financial Aid/Merit Notifications Begin
<b>Early Decision 1</b>	November 1	Mid-December	November 1	Mid-December
<b>Early Decision 2</b>	January 1	Mid-January	January 1	Mid-January
<b>Regular Decision</b>	January 15	Mid-March	January 15	Mid-March

## Additional Information

### What About the CSS Profile Form?

Please note that RIT has chosen not to use the College Scholarship Service Financial Aid Profile Form used by some universities to process financial aid awards. Using the Federal FAFSA will allow you to apply for financial aid with no processing fee and will allow us to process your financial aid information more quickly.

### Financial Aid and Scholarships Website

Visit [www.rit.edu/financialaid](http://www.rit.edu/financialaid) to obtain more information about financial aid. Our website walks you through the application process at RIT and provides details about the types of aid available. It also links to

several free scholarship searches to assist in your research. Also, please visit [www.ntid.rit.edu/VR](http://www.ntid.rit.edu/VR) for information on Vocational Rehabilitation funding.

### RIT Financial Aid and Scholarships Office Hours

RIT's Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Counselors meet with students and parents on a walk-in and appointment basis.

If you have questions regarding financial aid, you are encouraged to call 585-475-2186 to speak with a counselor or request an appointment.

Our office also can be reached through email at [ntidaid@rit.edu](mailto:ntidaid@rit.edu). Our fax number is 585-475-7270.

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### Important Dates



	<b>October 1</b>	FAFSA forms available online at <a href="http://www.fafsa.gov">www.fafsa.gov</a>
Early Decision 1	<b>November 1</b>	Admissions applications deadline for merit-based scholarship consideration. Priority filing data for FAFSA
Early Decision 2	<b>January 1</b>	Admissions applications deadline for merit-based scholarship consideration. Priority filing data for FAFSA
Regular Decision	<b>January 15</b>	Admissions applications deadline for merit-based scholarship consideration. Priority filing data for FAFSA

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