

# NIAGARA UNIVERSITY

## FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

### 2011-2012 COST OF ATTENDANCE

The following information is provided to assist you in estimating your cost of attendance at Niagara University for 2011-2012.

#### TUITION RATES\*

##### Graduate:

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| Graduate Business Administration  | \$ 757. per credit hour |
| Graduate Criminal Justice   | \$ 613. per credit hour |
| Graduate Interdisciplinary Studies  | \$ 613. per credit hour |
| Graduate Elementary & Secondary Education   | \$ 633. per credit hour |
| Graduate Foundation, Administration, School<br>Counseling, Mental Health Counseling | \$ 597. per credit hour |
| Graduate Education PhD Leadership & Policy  | \$ 750. per credit hour |

##### Undergraduate:

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|---|-------------------------|
| Summer  | \$ 845. per credit hour |
| Part-time School Year<br>(less than 12 credits/semester)                            | \$ 845. per credit hour |
| School Year Block Tuition (full-time)   | \$12,650. per semester  |
| School Year Overload Tuition Rate<br>(registered for more than 18 credits/semester) | \$ 845. per credit hour |
| Nursing RN Completion Program   | \$ 425. per credit hour |

##### Other Estimated Costs:

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|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Summer on-campus room & board        | \$ 370. per week       |
| School Year on-campus room & board   | \$ 5,500. per semester |
| Estimated cost of books and supplies | \$ 105. per course.    |

Students should also budget an additional \$1,450. - \$4,500. annually for transportation and personal expenses depending on your status as a resident or off-campus students. Off campus students should estimate \$7,950., commuters \$1,500. for room & board expenses for an academic year.

\* Fees, which are in addition to tuition, can range from \$25.-\$550. per semester, depending on your status as a part-time or full-time, graduate or undergraduate student. For more complete information regarding Niagara University's tuition, fees, and room and board, you may contact the Student Accounts Office at (716) 286-8300 or go on-line at [www.niagara.edu/accounts](http://www.niagara.edu/accounts).

#### NU MONTHLY PAYMENT PLAN

Payment for each semester is due by the due date indicated on the statement of account. The first billing for fall semester usually occurs by the end of July, with a due date about mid-August. Payment may be made by check, money order, Mastercard, Visa or Discover.

Niagara University offers a payment plan that allows one down payment of 20 percent and four (4) monthly interest free installments per semester. There is a nominal charge for this service. Please look for additional information from the Office of Student Accounts, including the required application and all scheduled due dates, for the upcoming academic year. Information, including downloadable applications, may also be found under the heading of payment plans at our Web address: [www.niagara.edu/accounts](http://www.niagara.edu/accounts).

**SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

## GENERAL INFORMATION

1. All awards are made per semester (summer, fall, spring) and are credited to your account, except federal work-study. You must be matriculated in an approved degree and/or certificate program to qualify for aid.
2. You must remain registered for at least six (6) credit hours during any semester for which aid is awarded.
3. It is your responsibility to notify us of any additional financial aid awards, (private scholarships, etc.) that you receive. The need for financial aid far exceeds the funds available, so it is important that we do not over-fund one student while rejecting another due to lack of funds. Revision of your financial aid package may be required.
4. The aid awarded to you is for 2011-12. All financial aid must be re-applied for annually. The Renewal FAFSA is available January 1 at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov).
5. The federal and state financial aid awarded to you is contingent upon actual government appropriation.
6. In order to receive financial aid, you must remain in good academic standing and make satisfactory progress as defined in the Niagara University undergraduate and graduate catalogs.
7. **The Office of Financial Aid at Niagara University reserves the right to adjust awards based on changes in credit hours, residency status, income verification and/or receipt of other funds, including other NU awards.**
8. The cost of attendance is composed of both direct and indirect costs as specified on this cost of attendance sheet. Please note that changes in your enrollment status (changes in credit hours), and/or living arrangements (e.g., resident to commuter) affect your cost of attendance and consequently, your aid eligibility. **You are responsible for reporting such changes to the Financial Aid Office. Revision of your financial aid package may be required.**
9. The sum of all financial aid received may not exceed cost of attendance.
10. Expected Family Contribution – This contribution is the result of the Federal Needs Analysis Methodology and is indicated on the Student Aid Report (SAR) sent to you by the processor of your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

## STUDENTS RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

### You have the right to:

- Know what financial assistance is available, including information on all federal, state and institutional financial aid programs.
- Know the deadlines for submitting applications for each of the financial aid programs available.
- Know the cost of attending the institution and the school's refund policy.
- Know the criteria used by the institution to select financial aid recipients.
- Know how the school determines your financial need. This process includes how the cost of tuition and fees, room and board, travel, books and supplies, personal and miscellaneous expenses, etc. are considered in your budget.
- Know what resources (such as parental contribution, other financial aid, your assets, etc.) are considered in the calculation of your need.
- Know how much of your financial need, as determined by the institution, has been met.
- Request from the financial aid office an explanation of various programs in your student aid package. If you believe you have been treated unfairly, you may request re-consideration of the award which was made to you.
- Know what portion of the financial aid received must be repaid, and what portion is grant aid. If the aid is a loan, you have the right to know what the interest rate is, the total amount that must be repaid, the payback procedure, the length of time you have to repay the loan, and when payment is to begin.
- Know how the school determined whether you are making satisfactory academic progress, and what happens if you are not.

### It is your responsibility to:

- Review and consider all information about the school's program before you enroll.
- Complete all application forms accurately and submit them on time to the right place.
- Pay special attention to and accurately complete your application for student financial aid. Errors can result in long delays in your receipt of financial aid. Intentional misreporting of information on application forms for federal financial aid is a violation of law and considered a criminal offense and subject to penalties under the U.S. Criminal Code.
- Return all additional documentation, verification, corrections and/or new information requested by either the financial aid office or the agency to which you submitted your application.
- Read and understand all forms that you are asked to sign and keep copies of them.
- Accept responsibility for agreements you sign.
- If you have a loan, notify the lender of changes in your name, address, or school status.
- Perform the work that is agreed upon in accepting a federal work-study award.
- Know and comply with the deadlines for application and re-applications for aid.
- Know and comply with your school's refund procedures.