

## **COVID-19 Appeal Information**

The New York City College of Technology understands that the COVID-19 pandemic has negatively affected students and families' incomes with reductions and job losses. Our goal is to work diligently with ALL students to determine the best options for them during these challenging times.

Students who experience a loss in income based on the COVID-19 pandemic, may qualify for additional federal student assistance. When completing the FAFSA, a student reports income information from two years prior. If you have had a loss in income and previously did not qualify for a Federal Pell Grant, you may be eligible for additional funds based on an income adjustment. Possible circumstances may include unemployment, death of a wage-earner (parent, if dependent; spouse, if independent), divorce, loss of untaxed income (such as child support). A review of your circumstance will require income and substantiating support documentation for the circumstance.

Each family's situation is unique and is reviewed on a case by case basis. Submission of an appeal does not guarantee approval. Families should consider alternative payment arrangements while waiting for the outcome of an appeal.

The deadline to submit a special circumstance appeal for the Fall 2021-2022 semester is November 15, 2021. Please go to [2021-2022 Income Adjustment Form Due to Special Circumstances](#) and follow the directions stated on the form. To access any of the forms please go to [Downloadable Forms](#). You will then need to upload all forms including the [2021-2022 Income Adjustment Form Due to Special Circumstances](#) to our secure portal on CUNYFirst with all supporting documentation. You can upload your documents by following these directions [Document Submission](#). Please ensure you follow ALL directions stated on the Document Upload process. Lastly, once you have uploaded your documents, please email Mahmoud Rizk at [MRizk@citytech.cuny.edu](mailto:MRizk@citytech.cuny.edu) to confirm your documentation has been submitted.

Wishing you all the best in your academic endeavors!

Office of Financial Aid