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Dear EOP applicant:

We notice that you requested additional information about **student housing** at the Finger Lakes College Suites (FLCS) when you filed the FLCC application. For first-time students, housing arrangements can be somewhat confusing, and many EOP applicants depend on financial aid for resources with which to make housing payments. We at EOP would like to give you some additional information which may be helpful to you in planning your attendance at FLCC, and offer any help we can give you in planning.

First, please be aware that students who are accepted to FLCC are not guaranteed housing, and must contact landlords and housing providers directly in order to apply for housing. The College is affiliated with Finger Lakes College Suites, but application for housing with FLCS is a separate process. United Realty Management Inc. operates FLCS, and you can go to their website, www.flcollegesuites.com, to find phone numbers, housing applications, etc. It is suggested that students interested in Finger Lakes College Suites apply prior to April. If you have specific questions or concerns about housing, you can also contact our FLCC Housing and Residential Life Director, at 585-785-1643.

Second, although students may qualify for financial aid grants and loans to pay for most of their tuition and living expenses while attending FLCC, financial aid will not defer the first housing payment. From the Finger Lakes College Suites website, "a minimum payment of 40% will be required on August 1st for the Fall semester and January 1st for the Spring semester, regardless of anticipated financial aid." This means that students must have about \$1,500.00 by August 1st and January 1st for the deposit and first rent payment, and this must be paid by the student **before** financial aid comes into play. Although we would like to have a mechanism to help low-income students dependent on financial aid make this first payment, we do not have a way to do so at this time. (Of course, students who qualify for enough financial aid could later receive a reimbursement of some, or all, of the out-of-pocket housing payment once aid is released.)

For several reasons, the Finger Lakes College Suites are the preferred housing for many students. However, they are not the only student housing available in Canandaigua. We encourage you to shop around for the housing accommodations that best suit your needs and budget. Please visit www.flcc.edu/offices/housing for more information on choosing student housing in Canandaigua, and a list of other local housing providers.

Finally, please let us help you consider your options or answer questions if you have them. Students who plan carefully and understand fully the commitment they are entering into when attending college are much more likely to succeed and graduate. We are here to help you plan financially. If you are going to be visiting the College in the near future for basic skills testing or registration, we encourage you to visit our office while you are here. You may call us at 585-785-1268 to make sure EOP staff members are available when you visit. As always, if there are any questions you have about the process, or ways in which we can help you to provide the necessary documentation, please contact us in the EOP Office.

Sincerely,

Daniel L.S. Haynes, EOP Coordinator

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