Dear EOP applicant:

We notice that you requested additional information about student housing 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 to pay for student housing. 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 looking at options.

First, students who are accepted to FLCC are not guaranteed housing, and must contact housing providers and landlords directly in order to apply for housing. The College is affiliated with Association Housing, but application to live in The Suites at Laker Landing is a separate process. You can go to the Housing and Residential Life website, www.flcc.edu/housing, to find a housing application, rental rates, etc. It is suggested that students interested in The Suites at Laker Landing for fall apply by April. If you have specific questions or concerns about housing, you can contact our Housing and Residential Life Office 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, including EOP, will not pay the Application Fee/Security Deposit or defer the first housing payment. From the application for The Suites at Laker Landing, “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...Financial aid will NOT be available to pay the minimum 40% payment.” This means that students will have considerable out-of-pocket housing expenses for the deposit and first rent payment, and this must be paid by the student before financial aid comes into play. (Of course, students who qualify for enough financial aid could later receive a reimbursement of some, or all, of this early out-of-pocket housing expense once aid is released.) We would like to have a way to help low-income students dependent on financial aid to make this deposit and first payment, but we do not have a way to do so at this time.

For several reasons, The Suites at Laker Landing 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/housing for more information on choosing student housing in Canandaigua, and a Rental Property Listing 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 Haynes, EOP Coordinator