# **Tip Sheet for Students Living Off Campus in Private Housing**

Students who secure Off-Campus Housing (in Apartments) have the opportunity to submit a copy of their **signed lease** to increase their cost of attendance budget.

## Please Note the following:

- 1. Your lease must be in the Student's Name.
- 2. Your lease must be signed by the student, and certified by your leasing agency.
- 3. You will forward a copy of your signed lease to your assigned Financial Aid Counselor for review and processing.
- 4. This action will not increase the amount of your awarded Federal Pell Grant. However, you may be eligible for an increase in student and/or Parental loans (must be credit approved).

# What happens next?

Within 3-4 business days, your assigned Financial Aid Counselor will review your student record along with your submitted signed lease agreement to determine if your Cost of Attendance Budget is eligible for an increase.

#### **Resources:**

- 1. Students are encouraged to seek external scholarships via the Scholarship Universe Portal (see link below): <a href="https://www.xula.edu/financialaid/scholarships/index.html">https://www.xula.edu/financialaid/scholarships/index.html</a>
- 2. Parent PLUS Loan Information: <a href="https://www.xula.edu/assets/parentplusnotification-10-2-2020.pdf">https://www.xula.edu/assets/parentplusnotification-10-2-2020.pdf</a>

### **Financial Aid Counselor**

Contact your Financial Aid Counselor by last name: https://www.xula.edu/financialaid/finaidcontactus.html

### **Appointments:**

You can make an In-person or Virtual appointment with your Financial Aid Counselor: <a href="https://www.xula.edu/financialaid/financial-aid-eab-appointment.pdf">https://www.xula.edu/financialaid/financial-aid-eab-appointment.pdf</a>