



CHANNEL VIEW

A NYC Outward Bound School



100-00 Beach Channel Drive
Rockaway Beach, NY 11694
(718) 634-1970 Fax (718) 734-3261

Denise Harper-Richardson, Principal
Craig Dorsi, Assistant Principal
Joseph Featherston, Assistant Principal
Maureen Powderly, Assistant Principal

September 29, 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians,

A few days ago, Mayor de Blasio, Schools Chancellor Fariña, and CUNY Chancellor Milliken announced that effective immediately **all students who meet appropriate economic standards will receive a CUNY \$65 application fee waiver**. This is wonderful news.

See official statement:

“...The elimination of the fee for low-income students removes a significant financial barrier to students applying to college and is part of the College Access for All initiative, one of the Mayor’s Equity and Excellence reforms. The CUNY application fee waiver allows a student to complete and submit an application listing up to six CUNY schools free of charge. Currently, over half of college-bound graduates of NYC public high schools enroll in CUNY colleges.

“We need to give all our children – no matter the neighborhood they live in, or background they come from – the opportunity to succeed in the 21st century, and that means removing barriers to applying, enrolling, and succeeding in college. Eliminating the application fee for low-income seniors will have a profound impact for thousands of students and their families” said **Mayor de Blasio....”**

Students are eligible for a fee waiver if they meet any of these standards: **1) qualify for free or reduced-price lunch, 2) homeless or in foster care, 3) family lives in federally subsidized public housing or 4) receives public assistance.**

We have not been informed of what documents we need to determine eligibility. As soon as we know, we will share with all parents, guardians and students. Application fee waivers will be provided to DOE school administrators and counselors then distributed to students who complete the CUNY application with Guidance.

Students who do **not** meet NYC low-income eligibility standards may be eligible for a fee waiver through a generous grant Outward Bound received from State Farm.

Between the new NYC initiative and the State Farm grant, we hope that all Channel View seniors will have their CUNY application fees waived. We are excited about this new development. Stay tuned for more news as it becomes available. In the meantime, please continue to turn in your financial taxes/documents to help better assist with college opportunity programs.

Kind Regards,

Jennifer Walters
Guidance Counselor