## Delhi State University of New York Warren Hill '60 Second Chance Scholarship Program

#### **Introduction**

The Warren Hill Second Chance Scholarship Program provides deserving, non-traditional students a second chance at a college education with performance incentives. Second Chance Scholars are individuals who,

for a variety of reasons, did not attend or graduate from college immediately after high school.

This program is unlike a traditional scholarship. Awards to Warren Hill Scholars are based on performance *after the student finishes coursework*—the higher the GPA, the greater the reward a student receives. Students can receive up to \$1,500 each semester. This reward system has been proven to be a tremendous incentive for students and motivates them to work even harder.

The results? Warren Hill Second Chance Scholars will have grades higher than the college average. This leads to better academic performance and ultimately higher-quality job opportunities following graduation.

### **Eligibility**

SUNY Delhi students who meet the following criteria are eligible to apply for the Warren Hill Second Chance Scholarship.

- Must be enrolled or applying to SUNY Delhi;
- Must be economically disadvantaged;
- Must be motivated to pursue an Associate or Bachelor degree to completion;
- Must demonstrate financial need by applying for Financial Aid and have a FAFSA completed (www.fasfa.gov);
- The date of *first* enrollment in college must be at least three (3) years after the applicant's high school graduation or equivalency (GED), or, a minimum of three years time between attending schools;
- Must not have earned a previous postsecondary degree;
- Continuing students must have a minimum 2.3 cumulative GPA, prior to the semester for which they apply (not applicable for students currently enrolled in their first semester);
- Be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours for the semester; and

Must submit a completed application package, available exclusively online at http://www.delhi.edu/prospective\_students/financial\_aid/scholarships/warren hill.php.

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Scholars will be selected based on their academic performance, their backgrounds, obstacles they have had to overcome, overall goals, and why they feel they would be a good candidate for a Second Chance Award. The application packet will include a standard form, an autobiographical statement of 500 words or less, a consent to release information form, at least one academic reference, and one personal reference.

### **Donor Recognition**

Students will be asked to sign a letter of acceptance (see below) to become a Warren Hill Scholar. They will also be required to send a letter of thanks to their benefactor Warren Hill in care of the College Foundation at Delhi.

# Scholar Follow-up and Agreements

Students will be required to sign a "Scholarship Acceptance Agreement" form, which stipulates:

- 1) This scholarship is based on my academic performance. In order to be eligible for another award, I must re-apply each semester I hope to receive money rewarding good academic performance.
- 2) This scholarship is for non-traditional students only. It is meant to give those who could not attend college immediately after high school a second chance. I verify that a period of three years have passed before entering into college. If I attended college before and never finished my degree, I verify that three years have passed since the date I was last enrolled.
- 3) As a recipient of this award, I agree to demonstrate positive citizenship on the Delhi campus. Violating the "Student Code of Conduct" will lead to cancellation of my enrollment in the Warren Hill Scholarship Program and will disqualify me from applying for future semesters.
- 4) I give my permission to release my name to the donor of this scholarship. It is also understood that appropriate publicity of scholarship recipients in the form of announcements to the news media and internal and external publications *may be made* by SUNY Delhi and the College Foundation at Delhi Inc.



#### **Scholarship Awards**

The Warren Hill Second Chance Scholarship Program provides deserving students a new chance at a college education via performance incentives to non

-traditional SUNY Delhi students. Second Chance Scholars are individuals who, for a variety of reasons, did not attend or graduate from college immediately after high school.

The scholarship is available only to current/returning students who have had at least three years pass since their enrollment in high school and their *first semester* in college, do not have a previous degree, and are enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours.

The following charts show the two levels of awards made based on credit hours earned and grade point average for the semester:

Full-time Student (minimum 12 earned credit hours)

Semester GPA	Amount of Award
3.5-4.0*	\$1,250
3.0-3.49	\$700
2.3-2.99	\$200

<sup>\*</sup>students with a 4.0 will receive a \$250 bonus

Maximum available per student per year: \$3,000

**Lifetime Cap:** 4 semesters

**Total Scholarships Available per year:** Minimum 7, Max 30, depending on semester performance of scholar cohort.