



New York Section
Central New Jersey Subsection
Institute of Food Technologists

NYIFT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR FOOD SCIENCE STUDENTS TO ATTEND MONTHLY MEETINGS AND EVENTS (UPDATED 1/13/20)

-- Students must be full-time undergraduate or graduate students in a NYIFT- approved Food Science program at Rutgers or Montclair Universities. Students must be a member of the IFT and NYIFT.

--Students can attend either the Central NJ IFT or NYIFT dinner meetings and the NYIFT Supplier Day event. Students can attend one or both meetings (two maximum per month) following one of the three options below.

-- **Option One:** Students who do not have their own cars **must first** try to find a ride with other students or faculty who will be going to the meeting and would be able to take them.

--**Option Two:** If students cannot get a ride by Option One, then they can use the reimbursement option as follows: find a student who would be willing to drive to the meeting and provided that there are a MINIMUM of THREE STUDENTS (INCLUDING THE DRIVER) IN ONE VEHICLE, NYIFT will reimburse the student who is driving their personal car based on the current year IRS mileage rules (current rate for 2020 is \$0.575/mile). Maximum reimbursement would be \$100 round trip to that student.

--**Option Three:** If neither Option One nor Option Two is available, students can use a Shared Ride Service (Uber or Lyft) with a MINIMUM OF THREE STUDENTS IN ONE VEHICLE. NYIFT will reimburse the student that pays for the Uber/Lyft ride up to \$100 (which includes tipping) round trip. Expenses over that \$100 will be split evenly and paid with personal funds by the three or more students travelling to the meeting.

--**NOTE:** The NYIFT or the University will not be responsible for any liability issues when using any of the above options. Students should use good judgment and travel at their own risk.

-- Students will submit by email a copy of their expenses and any Uber/Lyft receipts to the NYIFT Office within 14 days of the meeting event. NYIFT will arrange for payment by check to the student who drives or pays for the Uber/Lyft.

--Students who take advantage of this NYIFT Assistance Program are expected to help out at the meetings and events as needed and directed by the NYIFT Office. Students should communicate with the NYIFT Office before and during the meeting to determine the needs and the time they should arrive/leave the meeting.

--*This pilot program will start with the first meeting in January, 2020 and end with the last meeting of the NYIFT in April/May 2020. If the program is determined to be successful by the NYIFT EXCOM over the Summer, it will be approved again to start-up with the September, 2020 NYIFT dinner meeting.*