

CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Reporting – Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students (As of September 30, 2020)

Western Suffolk BOCES acknowledges an authorized representative of the institution has signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the institution has used, or intends to use, no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. Western Suffolk BOCES has received \$422,592 from the Department of Education pursuant to the Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

Western Suffolk BOCES has determined that 184 students are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

No (0) students have received Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of September 30, 2020. Western Suffolk BOCES plans to disburse the grant funding to 184 students during the month of November 2020.

Spring 2020 students received an email and phone communication during the period from July to September 2020 informing them they were eligible to request their priority CARES Act emergency grant, with instructions on how to submit their request and certification. By requesting and accepting CARES Act emergency grant funding, the student acknowledges that he/she has or will have incurred allowable expenses of food, housing, technology, course materials, health care, childcare, and/or transportation as a result of the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19. Any CARES Act emergency grant funding students receive are required to be used toward the expenses for which they were approved.

The application for all eligible students to apply for and receive CARES Act emergency grant funds in connection with the Spring 2020 semester was made available and announced to students July 2020. Once their applications are reviewed, they will be awarded funds if eligible or they will be notified if they are not eligible.