



Office of Student Financial Services

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, which establishes and funds the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF), provides support in the form of emergency financial aid grants to students enrolled in institutions of higher education. Students enrolled in the Practical Nursing or Cosmetology Programs at Eastern Suffolk BOCES may be eligible for funding to cover their expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus. Eligible expenses include costs such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and childcare. Funding is limited and available to students on a first-come, first-served basis.

Which students are eligible to receive emergency financial aid grants under HEERF?

Students who are eligible to participate in Title IV programs under Section 484 of the Higher Education Act may be eligible to receive HEERF funding, unless prohibited by law.

What programs at Eastern Suffolk BOCES are eligible as defined by the CARES Act?

The Practical Nursing Program and the Cosmetology Program offered through the Adult Education Department are eligible courses participating in federal student aid programs.

How much can I receive?

Awards will vary dependent upon the cost of your eligible COVID related expense, as well as several other factors. Your maximum award will be dependent on need as determined by your EFC (Estimated Financial Contribution) on your FAFSA, and prorated based on your enrollment status. Expenses must be supported with documentation.

How will I receive the funding?

Once your application is received and verified, checks will be mailed to eligible students to the address we have on file.

How can I apply for a grant from HEERF?

- Students must complete the below application and submit supporting documentation. If you need assistance completing or submitting the form, please call (631) 233-4481.

[Application for Additional Federal Student Aid for COVID Related Expenses](#)

- Students are also asked to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and submit all required documentation to the Office of Student Financial Services at the Adult Education Center. Please note, most students have already completed their FAFSA for the 2019-2020 academic year. If you are unsure if you completed a FAFSA, please call the Office of Student Financial Services at 631-233-4481.

[Complete the FAFSA Form](#)

Eastern Suffolk BOCES acknowledges an authorized representative of the institution has signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that 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.

Eastern Suffolk BOCES acknowledges that \$136,797 was received from the Department pursuant to the Institutions Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

Eastern Suffolk BOCES has distributed \$1,390.36 under section 18004(a) (1) of the CARES Act as of 09/01/2020. The total number of students thus far who have received an Emergency Financial aid Grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is two (2) as of 09/01/2020.

The estimated total number of students at Eastern Suffolk BOCES eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is 113 students.

The method used by the institution to determine which students received Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much students would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act was determined based on student request/application, enrollment status, and the student Expected Family Contribution (EFC) as provided on the FAFSA.

An Announcement and Application was mailed to all ESBOCES students enrolled in eligible programs. The Eastern Suffolk BOCES website also provides instructions and guidance for students applying for CARES Act funds. In addition, information is provided on the Cares Act Award Letter submitted to student recipients by the School.

For further information about the CARES Act – HEERF Funding please visit:

<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/caresact.html>

Helpful Web Links and Resources Related to the COVID Pandemic

[NYS Office of Mental Health](#)

[Suffolk County Health Services](#)

[U.S. Department of Education](#)

NYS COVID-19 Hotline: 1-888-364-3065

Eastern Suffolk BOCES does not discriminate against any employee, student, applicant for employment, or candidate for enrollment on the basis of sex, gender, race, color, religion or creed, age, weight, national origin, marital status, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, transgender status, military or veteran status, domestic violence victim status, genetic predisposition or carrier status, or any other classification protected by Federal, State, or local law. This policy of nondiscrimination includes: access by students to educational programs, student activities, recruitment, appointment and promotion of employees, salaries, pay, and other benefits.

ESBOCES also provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. ESBOCES fully complies with all applicable rules and regulations pertaining to civil rights for students and employees (e.g., Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, §504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Dignity for All Students Act, §303 of Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and the Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act of 2001).