

Tuition Assistance

FEDERAL STUDENT AID (Pell Grant, Direct and Parent PLUS Loans) is available to qualified individuals for eligible programs. Eligible programs include the *Practical Nursing Program* and *Cosmetology Program*. Students are required to complete a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) to determine their eligibility for important information about the educational debt, earnings, and completion rates of students who attended these programs, and/or more information related to financial aid, please visit our website at www.esboces.org.

Eastern Suffolk BOCES is an eligible training provider for the following agencies:

ACCES-VR Adult Career & Continuing Education Service provides tuition assistance for individuals with disabilities.

DOL WIOA The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, managed through the Department of Labor, provides assistance to those with significant barriers to obtain training for employment.

CSEA Civil Service Employees Association, Inc., union members may be eligible.

Veterans Administration Based on active duty service, the GI Bill® provides educational assistance to service members, veterans, and their dependents. Contact the Department of Veterans Affairs at 1-800-827-1000.

GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government website at <http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill>.

1199SEIU Members may be eligible for tuition assistance for the Practical Nursing Program.

Employers are an excellent resource for scholarships and tuition benefits.

Students enrolling in a course of study more than \$1,000 may be eligible for private student loans.

Payment plans are available. An administrative fee of \$75 will be charged for all approved payment plans.

ESBOCES REFUND POLICY

All withdrawals incur an administrative fee of \$35. All withdrawal requests must be provided in writing to the Program Administrator.

Withdrawal prior to 5 business days of the first class:	100% Refund
Withdrawal within 5 business days prior to the first class:	90% Refund
Withdrawal after the first class and prior to the second class:	75% Refund
Withdrawal after the second class:	0% Refund

NO REFUNDS WILL BE PROVIDED AFTER THE SECOND CLASS. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY. Refunds other than charge cards may take 4 to 6 weeks.

FEDERAL REFUND POLICY

The *Practical Nursing Program* and the *Cosmetology Program* at ESBOCES do not observe the above-mentioned refund policy. Eligible programs follow federal guidelines related to withdrawals, refunds and credit balances. Please refer to the program handbook and/or the ESBOCES website for more information.

Any balance owed to the school resulting from a termination of enrollment is due immediately. Students may not enroll in any course provided by ESBOCES with an outstanding account balance.

CLASS CANCELLATION ESBOCES reserves the right to cancel a course that does not have sufficient enrollment or to change class dates, times, and locations as the need arises. Students will be notified by email or phone at least 2 days prior to the start date of class.

SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT TUITION costs may be discounted 10% for senior citizens 62 years of age and older. Documentation is required (eg. Driver License, leisure pass, copy of birth certificate). Please note: this discount does not apply to any ESBOCES program exceeding \$1,000.

INCOME TAX INFORMATION Students attending the *Practical Nursing Program* and the *Cosmetology Program* at ESBOCES may be eligible to receive educational tax benefits. Please refer to IRS Publication 970 and/or a Certified Public Accountant for information regarding educational tax benefits. **All other Adult Education programs at ESBOCES are not eligible programs as defined by the Internal Revenue Service.**

For further information, please visit our website at www.esboces.org or contact Student Financial Services at (631) 233-4450.