

Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES - Adult Education PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM

CRRSAA: Higher Education Emergency Relief Funding for Students 2020-2021

Through the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Cayuga Onondaga BOCES is able to offer financial assistance to help cover current and future expenses related to the disruption of studies due to COVID-19 outbreak. Expenses include food, housing, course material, technology, health care, childcare, moving, loss of employment, or other unanticipated related expenses incurred during their enrollment.

Fund Disbursements

- No Application required.
- Award amounts will be distributed to all eligible students with the highest need based on their 2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The maximum amount a student can receive for Spring 2021 is \$1,392.
- Once awards are calculated, eligible students will be notified via a message to their *Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES* email account of the grant amount.
- Funds will be awarded by check mailed to the student applicant only.

The CARES Act Funds is federal grant assistance that does not need to be repaid.

CRRSAA-Student Portion Reporting

- 1. An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used, or intends to use, at least the same amount of funding from the Section 18004(a)(1) of the CRRSAA to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students as was required to be provided under sections 18004(a)(1) and (c) of CARES Act.**
Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES became bond by the CRRSAA Certification and Agreement when they drew down the money for the Student's portion of the CRRSAA on 2/22/21..
- 2. The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.**
CRRSAA was received in Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES Practical Nursing Program's G5 account on 1/28/2021 (P425E203791).
- 3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the 30-day Report and every 45 days thereafter).**
All CRRSAA \$29,710 was disbursed in full to students on 02/23/2021.
- 4. The estimated total number of students at the institution 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.**
27 eligible students.
- 5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.**
27 students received the grant.
- 6. The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.**
Students are eligible to receive funds if they meet the following requirements:
 - *Have a completed FAFSA for 2020-2021*
 - *Be enrolled in good standing on or after January 1, 2021, when the CRRSAA went into effect.*
 - *Be a citizen or eligible non-citizen*
 - *Not in default on a Federal Student Loan, nor owe a refund on any previous Federal Grants.*

Awards ranged from \$464 - \$1,392 based on a predetermined formula using the student's 2020-2021 FAFSA Estimated Family Contribution (EFC).

7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

Letters were sent to students with the following information:

Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA), 2021

The CRRSAA is a coronavirus relief package approved by Congress to assist students that have incurred expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19. Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES applied for funding from the federal CARES Act in 2020, which made us eligible for the CRRSAA funds now. These funds from the U.S. Department of Education were awarded on 1/28/21 to BOCES and approved by BOCES Board of Education on 2/11/21. We have begun the process to distribute these grants to eligible students with the highest need based on their 2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

These funds are meant to help students cover current and future expenses related to the disruption of their studies at Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Expenses include food, housing, course material, technology, health care, childcare, moving, loss of employment, or other unanticipated related expenses incurred during their enrollment.

Your award has been calculated to be in the amount of: **\$XXXX**

No action is required on your part at this time. We anticipate the grants will be disbursed during the week of March 1, 2021. Checks will be mailed directly to you.

The CRRSAA Funds is federal grant assistance that does not need to be repaid. Please verify that your mailing address at the top of this letter is correct.