



## Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District

### **Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act**

1. Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District (BVT) acknowledges that the District has signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that BVT 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.
2. BVT has received \$21,910 from the Department of Education pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students (this includes the student portion only).
3. BVT will be distributing \$21,910 of Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
4. There are approximately 20 students in the Practical Nursing Program Class of 2019-2021 who are or may be eligible to participate in the federal financial aid programs under Section 484 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
5. At this time the awarded Emergency Financial Aid Grant has not been yet been disbursed to eligible students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
6. BVT intends to allocate the Emergency Financial Aid Grant equally among eligible students enrolled in the Practical Nursing Program who were affected by the COVID-19 closures. Each student will receive an equal distribution as indicated on their signed acknowledgement statement for these Emergency Financial Aid Grants awarded under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
7. Eligible students will be asked to review and sign an acknowledgement statement. The acknowledgement statement explains the statutory requirement of how these funds are to be used by BVT students to cover expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19. This includes eligible expense categories used in the Cost of Attendance calculation; such as room & board, personal and transportation expenses; as well as, technology, health care and child-care expenses. These funds are awarded in grant format, and therefore do not require repayment by the student. BVT will distribute funds to students who have returned the signed acknowledgement statement. If students choose not sign and return the acknowledgement statement, it will be assumed they want to forfeit this financial assistance and their portion of the funds will be reallocated equally to other eligible students. If there are any questions regarding BVT's implementation of Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund please contact Nicole St. Germain, Assistant Business Manager at [nstgermain@vallytech.k12.ma.us](mailto:nstgermain@vallytech.k12.ma.us).