



Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District

Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSAA) 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 no less than the required amount of the funds received under CRRSAA section 314(a)(1) 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 distributed \$21,910 of Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under CRRSAA section 314(a)(1).
4. There were 19 students enrolled in the Practical Nursing Program Class of 2020-2021 who were 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 CRRSAA section 314(a)(1).
5. The awarded Emergency Financial Aid Grants were disbursed to eligible students under CRRSAA section 314(a)(1) on the March 11, 2021 warrant and mailed after all appropriate school committee signatures were received.
6. BVT allocated 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 received an equal distribution as indicated on their signed acknowledgement statement for these Emergency Financial Aid Grants awarded under CRRSAA section 314(a)(1).
7. Eligible students were asked to review and sign an acknowledgement statement. The acknowledgement statement explained the statutory requirement of how these funds were to be used by BVT students to cover expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19. This included 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 were awarded in grant format, and therefore do not require repayment by the student. BVT distributed all funds to students who returned the signed acknowledgement statement. If there are any questions regarding BVT's implementation of CRRSAA section 314(a)(1) under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund please contact Nicole St. Germain, Assistant Business Manager at nstgermain@vallytech.k12.ma.us.



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March 3, 2021

Dear Practical Nursing Student,

Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District has recently obtained an allocation of grant funds the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Act (CRRSAA) Section 314(a)(1). These emergency financial aid grants are available to our Practical Nursing students, regardless of their Federal Financial Aid status.

There is a statutory requirement for these funds to be used by our 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. If you would prefer to have us apply the funds directly to your outstanding balance, please email the school's financial aid coordinator, Ms. Nicole St. Germain at: nstgermain@valleytech.k12.ma.us.

The school district will distribute the CRRSAA Act grant funds equally among actively enrolled Practical Nursing students in the Class of 2020-22. We are requesting you to sign this acknowledgement of understanding and return it promptly to the school's financial aid coordinator, Ms. Nicole St. Germain at: nstgermain@valleytech.k12.ma.us. Once this signed acknowledgement of understanding is provided to Ms. St. Germain, the CRRSAA Act grant funds will be distributed via check mailed to your home address currently on file sometime after March 12, 2021.

If you choose not sign and return this acknowledgement letter by March 10, 2021 it will be assumed you want to forfeit this financial assistance and your portion will be reallocated equally to other eligible students.

*I understand and acknowledge Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District has awarded me an emergency financial aid grant in the amount of **\$1,153.16**. I certify these grant funds will be spent in accordance to the statutory guidelines of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund authorized by the CRRSAA Act as noted above.*

Student Name: _____

Student Signature

Date