

## Institutional Portion of Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund



Ralph R Willis Career and Technical Center is pleased to announce that we have been awarded the second half of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund, the Institutional Portion of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds authorized by Congress under the CARES Act. Ralph R Willis intends to use the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act for costs associated with significant changes to delivery of instruction due to the coronavirus. A portion of this half of the grant will also be used to provide emergency Financial Aid Grants to eligible Practical Nursing students who have been impacted by the COVID-19. RRWCTC will receive a total of \$73861 from the USDE.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> half, \$36930 of the Institutional Portion of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds from the CARES Act was received September 1,2020. Ralph R Willis Career and Technical Center has divided the allocation into 4 categories: PPE & Safety/Health, Maintenance supplies and equipment; Curriculum-virtual and electronic; Equipment for facilitation of distance learning; Student Aid. We are excited to announce the allocation of \$25861 to the institutional expenses.

Ralph R Willis Career & Technical Center is looking forward to awarding approximately \$ 24,000 to 24 eligible students who started the Fall 2020 enrollment between July 1,2020 and September 4,2020. Funds will be divided among eligible students. Eligible students will receive CARES Act Emergency Financial Aid payments. Allocations to students will be made in the form of relief checks to be mailed at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. Checks were mailed on September 23,2020, and students should expect to receive them at the beginning of the week of Sept 28,2020. 24 eligible students received \$1,000 CARES Act Emergency Financial Aid payments.

An eligible student is a student who is actively enrolled in Practical Nursing as a full time student, is maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress according to the program guidelines, has been actively participating in our Emergency Distance Learning activities, is a U.S, Citizen or eligible non-citizen as defined by Federal Title IV regulations, and is NOT in default on a Federal Student Loan.

Guidance from the Federal government indicates that these funds will NOT be considered taxable income and will not impact a student's eligibility for other Federal or State benefits a student may be entitled to.