

March 27, 2020

RE: Important Information Concerning Your PROMISE Application and State Financial Aid

Dear PROMISE applicant,

The West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission and Council for Community and Technical College Education voted to provide current state aid recipients attending college in 2019-20 with greater flexibilities in renewing certain state financial aid programs. The recent media release has caused confusion regarding who these modifications are intended for.

These modifications will not affect the GPA requirements for initial eligibility for the PROMISE Scholarship, WV Higher Education Grant or other state financial aid programs.

Below are the key changes related to COVID-19 that will affect current high school students when applying for state financial aid programs for the 2020-21 academic year.

- **PROMISE Scholarship:** The SAT and ACT tests for March and April have been postponed. Students can still qualify for PROMISE by taking the June SAT and the June and July ACT. If those tests are postponed or canceled, we will act promptly to reevaluate our statewide qualification deadlines and notify all counselors and applicants.
- **WV Higher Education Grant:** The Higher Education Grant application deadline has been extended from April 15, 2020, to **May 15, 2020**. To apply, students must file a 2020 - 21 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.gov. If you need assistance with completing the application by May 15, call our financial aid hotline (877 - 987 - 7664).
- **West Virginia Invests Grant:** Students may continue applying at <http://wvinvests.org/>. The application deadline for WV Invests is rolling. Students must complete all the application steps prior to the beginning of the term they are applying. I encourage you to apply and file a 2020-21 FAFSA as soon as possible.

While our office staff is working remotely, we are maintaining our operations. The best way to reach staff is through e-mail. Staff can respond to phone calls as they come in.

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If you have questions, please contact us using the designated email address listed above and a member of our financial aid staff will reach out to you.

Sincerely,

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