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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Financial Aid Directors at Private Postsecondary Institutions Participating in the William L. Boyd, IV, Effective Access to Student Education (EASE) Grant Program

**FROM:** Shawn Haskin  
Director, State Scholarship and Grant Programs

**DATE:** August 27, 2025

**SUBJECT:** 2025-26 EASE Administration

As outlined in Specific Appropriation 58 of the 2025-26 General Appropriations Act ([Chapter 2025-198, Laws of Florida](#)), the maximum annual EASE award for full-time baccalaureate degree-seeking Florida residents is \$3,500 and the EASE Plus Incentive Program (EASE Plus) annual maximum award will be set at \$850 per qualified student. The maximum total amount that some qualified students may receive could reach up to \$4,350 in the academic year. Fall term allocations for the EASE and EASE Plus awards have been sent to institutions prior to the term registration period in a lump sum. Each institution will continue to determine student eligibility for the EASE and EASE Plus program and be responsible for reporting EASE disbursement records.

The EASE Plus award provides an award in addition to the EASE award to support students enrolled in upper-level courses in quality, high-demand programs (i.e., major or program of study). Institutions will be required to indicate on the disbursement record which one of the following categories that their program of study relates to the closest. These categories include:

- Agriculture/Veterinary Science;
- Allied Health;
- Cyber Security;
- Digital Arts/Computer Graphics;
- Nursing; and
- Teaching.

**Important:** Students may not receive an EASE Plus award without an EASE award. Please review the attached EASE Technical Reporting Guide to ensure that EASE disbursement transactions are submitted successfully and without error.

Suzanne Pridgeon  
Deputy Commissioner, Finance and Operations

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Institutions shall certify to the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) the amount of funds disbursed to each student receiving an EASE award on the Disbursement Eligibility Report (DER) according to the following schedule:

Term 1: No later than October 30, 2025

Term 2: No later than February 27, 2026

Term 3: No later than April 15, 2026

Per section 1009.89, Florida Statutes, institutions shall return any undisbursed funds to OSFA within 60 days after the end of the regular registration period. Institutions failing to meet the statutory deadline may be subject to having EASE funds withheld or provided on a reimbursement basis the following term or subsequent academic year.

If you have questions concerning EASE activities, please contact Adam Baumel, at [Adam.Baumel@fldoe.org](mailto:Adam.Baumel@fldoe.org) or 850-410-5151.

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Attachment: EASE Technical Reporting Guide

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