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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Shawn Haskin
Director, State Scholarships and Grant Programs

DATE: January 9, 2026

SUBJECT: 2025-26 EASE Proration of Term 2 and Term 3 Award

The William L. Boyd, IV, Effective Access to Student Education Grant Program (EASE) received an appropriation of **\$132,685,000** for the 2025-26 academic year to be used to provide a full award for a projected 37,910 students and a maximum appropriation of \$5,000,000 for the EASE Plus incentive program. According to the General Appropriations Act Proviso, if the funds appropriated are insufficient to provide a full award to all eligible students, the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) may prorate the award and provide a lesser amount in the second (and third) term.

Based on Term 1 disbursements, there will be more students disbursed than were projected in the appropriation. Therefore, it will be necessary to reduce the annual award from \$3,500 to \$3,350. The prorated EASE award for semester institutions will be \$1,600 for Term 2. The prorated award for quarter institutions will be \$1,092 for Term 2 and \$1,091 Term 3.

Section 1009.89, Florida Statutes, states that an institution may use its own resources to fully fund eligible students if the number of students eligible exceeds the total authorized in the General Appropriations Act. Rule 6A-20.007, Florida Administrative Code, states that additional students will be eligible to receive an award at the end of the academic year to the extent that funds remain available. At this time, our proration projections suggest that no funding will be available for EASE students on the Wait List. We will continue to monitor the program and notify institutions if restoring the full award amount is possible and, also the status of funding the Wait List after the Term 2 deadline has passed and refunds have been collected.

If any Term 1 refunds are due from your institution to OSFA, please return these funds immediately. You will not receive the Term 2 funds until the Term 1 refund is received. Our current projections do not anticipate a proration of the annual award for EASE Plus to eligible students in the amount of \$850.

If you have questions concerning EASE activities, please contact Adam Baumel, at Adam.Baumel@fldoe.org or 888-827-2004.

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