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CHESLA updates scholarship program to include awards for students in health and manufacturing certificate programs

Hartford, CT, April 4, 2019- The Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority (CHESLA) announced an update to its scholarship program commencing with the 2019-2020 academic year. The program will include a focus on health and manufacturing certificate programs.

To help address the state workforce shortages and align with CHESLA's strategic focus on workforce development, a portion of scholarship dollars will be targeted to students in health and manufacturing certificate programs. CHESLA will continue to award scholarships to eligible students in 2 or 4 year degree programs.

Applications will be accepted until May 10, 2019 and are available at chesla.org. The scholarships will be awarded in July for the 2019-2020 academic year.

"As trustee of the CHET college-savings program, helping Connecticut students and their families save for higher education costs is a key priority of mine," State Treasurer Shawn T. Wooden said. "I am pleased to see CHESLA providing students and those seeking retraining with another tool for financing their education after high school. The CHESLA Scholarship Program will be a valuable additional resource to help Connecticut residents achieve their educational goals."

"CHESLA takes pride in being much more than a student loan provider. We are a multi-faceted resource to help students and families pay for higher education. The CHESLA Scholarship Program is a critical part of our effort to help Connecticut residents further their education and take advantage of career opportunities in the state," said Josh Hurlock, CHESLA's Assistant Director.

To date, CHESLA scholarships have helped 3,900 students achieve their educational goals. CHESLA is excited to award scholarships to eligible students in pursuit of higher education in the State of Connecticut.

"I pride myself on being a good student now just as I always have. This is one way the CHESLA Scholarship has been helpful to me; as someone who doesn't have a lot of money, any contribution to my tuition helps me greatly, it also motivates me to get good grades so I can keep earning it. I really appreciate the award given to me from CHESLA," said Kristiana Torres, a student at Central Connecticut State University.

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About CHESLA

The mission of the Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority is to expand higher educational opportunities and enhance the State's economic development through higher education by providing cost-effective education financing programs and information resources to Connecticut students, alumni and their families.

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