

Student Loan Relief for Nurses Available through March 1

By Senator Scavello

PEN ARGYL - Applications are being accepted through March 1 for the new Student Loan Relief for Nurses program.

Qualified nurses working through the COVID-19 pandemic may be eligible to receive student loan relief of up to \$2,500 for each year of work (beginning with 2020) for up to three years, with a maximum benefit of \$7,500.

The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency indicates the high volume of applications has slowed the review process, and online applications are not offered. You can learn more about the program and the application process here <https://www.pheaa.org/funding-opportunities/loan-relief-for-nurses/>.



Special 8-hour training program for CNAs offered at Gracedale

By Becky Bartlett

EASTON - Gracedale has reinstated the Temporary Certified Nursing Aide (CNA) program. Participants may take an eight-hour course, earn a temporary CNA certificate and begin paid employment at Gracedale.

The Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) offers an eight-hour online course for temporary certification for CNAs or Certified Nursing Aides. A standard CNA class takes four weeks, but the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services began allowing the on-line version in 2020 to help with staffing during the pandemic.

"We've seen these temporary CNAs convert to part-time and full-time positions at Gracedale," says Jennifer Stewart-King. "If anyone would like to join our team we urge them to consider this opportunity."

For more information about certification programs, please contact Amy Kahler at 610-829-3402 or akahler@northamptoncounty.org or apply online at <https://www.northamptoncounty.org/HR/Pages/Recruitment.aspx>



Property Tax/Rent Rebate Applications Being Accepted

By Senator Scavello

PEN ARGYL - Older and disabled Pennsylvanians can apply now for rebates on property taxes or rent paid in 2021.

The Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians age 65 and older, widows and widowers age 50 and older, and people with disabilities age 18 and older. The income limit is \$35,000 a year for homeowners and \$15,000 annually for renters, and half of Social Security income is excluded.

After checking eligibility requirements, you can file your rebate application online by visiting my-path.pa.gov. Submitting your application online does not require you to sign up for an account. You can check the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program instruction booklet to learn which information you will need to complete the process. Filing online is the preferred way to expedite the review of your application but paper forms are still being accepted as well.

As always, my district offices are here to assist you to determine your eligibility and to file for the program. If you have questions about the program or need assistance filing an application please call our office or stop by. My office locations and contact information is available here <https://www.senatorscaavello.com/district-offices/>.



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