OTHER SOURCES OF FINANCIAL AID

<u>**Tuition Waiver**</u>—Some MTEC programs are eligible for a tuition waiver through the West Virginia Department of Education.

The following programs are <u>NOT</u> eligible for the Tuition Waiver:

Licensed Practical Nurse

Surgical Technology

HVAC Technician

No financial aid application form is required for the tuition waiver. Eligibility for the tuition waiver will be determined at the point of enrollment in a program. The tuition waiver is a one-time opportunity. *Seating is limited for post-secondary students in secondary programs.

The following programs <u>ARE</u> eligible for the Tuition Waiver:

Automotive Technology	Building Maintenance & Operations
Careers in Education	Carpentry
Coding, App & Game Design	Dental Assisting
Electrical Technician	Graphic Design
Law & Public Safety	Pharmacy Technician
Plumbing	ProStart Restaurant Management
Welding	

*High School Students are given priority in the Secondary Technical/Health Occupations programs; Post-Secondary opportunities in Secondary programs are limited and oftentimes nonexistent.

MTEC received funding from the West Virginia Department of Education for 2022-2023 and anticipate receiving funds for 2023-2024. Students were not responsible for fees, uniforms, and textbooks. The savings for the Practical Nurse program was approximately \$2,000 per student.

WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act)--To be considered for WIOA, contact HRDF:

Kelly Shough (304) 296-8223 ext 1031, or 1369 Stewartstown Road, Morgantown, WV 26505

Caleb Davis (681) 404-6338 or <u>cdavis@hrdfwv.org</u> 320 Adams Street, Suite 103, Fairmont, WV

Lorrie Mayle (681) 285-5629 or <u>lmayle@hrdfwv.org</u> 153 West Main Street, Clarksburg, WV

WIOA funding is limited and based on eligibility as a "dislocated" employee or "adult funding" for low income (as determined by WIOA). <u>It is highly</u> recommended that students apply for consideration of this funding. WIOA requires that you complete the FAFSA but <u>do not have to be eligible for the Pell</u> <u>Grant to qualify for WIOA</u>. These funds typically cover all expenses beyond tuition (if Pell eligible) for health occupations programs at MTEC. <u>Beyond</u> the fees, textbooks and uniforms that MTEC will cover, WIOA should reimburse eligible students for <u>physical</u>, <u>immunizations</u>, <u>shoes</u>, <u>watch</u>, <u>stethoscope</u>, <u>CPR</u>, <u>criminal background check</u>, <u>NCLEX</u>, <u>State Board exam</u>, <u>AMT certification</u>, <u>NHA testing fee</u> (students receive a budget with acceptance letter). <u>Receipts are submitted to HRDF</u>. <u>This is a process that may lead to</u> <u>great financial benefits for a student</u>.

<u>IN MOST CASES, IF A STUDENT IS NOT PELL ELIGIBLE, WIOA</u> <u>FUNDS WILL COVER TUITION and remaining costs</u>. WIOA benefits are very limited and distributed on a first-come basis. If interested, do NOT delay applying.

<u>Loans</u>—MTEC does not process Stafford/Direct Loans through the FAFSA application (respond "No" to loans on the FAFSA). With the private student loan laws, Wells Fargo informed MTEC effective 10/2020 that they are no longer providing student loans. MTEC has no knowledge of existing private student loans at this time.

In addition, MTEC students are not eligible for the West Virginia Higher Education Grant as this grant only applies to Associate Degree and Bachelor Degree programs.

<u>Veterans Benefits</u>—If you believe you may be entitled to Veterans benefits, visit the VA website at **www.gibill.va.gov** or call the tollfree number at 1-888-GIBILL-1 (1-888-442-4551). Contact the financial aid advisor at 304-291-9240 to apply for VA benefits once accepted in an MTEC program.

WV Division of Rehabilitation Services—Office is currently located at 1415 Earl Core Road in Sabraton (beside Rio Verde Restaurant). WVDRS can be contacted at 304-285-3155 to inquire about eligibility. Recent high school graduates with IEPs may be eligible.

<u>AmeriCorps</u> - MTEC is an approved educational institution for AmeriCorps scholarships. Prospective students must have served/volunteered to be eligible for these funds. For information, call 1-800-WVHELPS. Information regarding AmeriCorps and Volunteer West Virginia can be found at: <u>https://volunteer.wv.gov/AmeriCorps/Pages/default.aspx</u>

<u>United Mine Workers Association (UMWA)</u> — Contact the UMWA at 1-800-827-1000 to inquire about eligibility.