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Good Morning,

As you may be aware, there are a number of Excelsior applicants for whom a final eligibility determination cannot yet be made. Some applicants have matters outstanding with HESC and some have not yet provided official transcripts to their campus. Discussions between SUNY and HESC have taken place to determine the treatment of these student applicants moving forward. I am pleased to share the decision that has been made regarding students who remain pending during the fall term.

**Students whose eligibility has not yet been determined will be placed in a new “pending” status through December. If a student submits information which clarifies his/her eligibility, HESC will continue to process that student’s application throughout the fall term. This will include students who are studying abroad and whose credits have not yet been finalized and/or students who have not yet have submitted required transcripts. It will also include applications pending because HESC had not yet been able to verify income, applicants who were not found at the college indicated on the Excelsior application or students who have not signed an agreement accepting the Excelsior award. Placing these applicants in “pending” status will allow additional time to provide required documents or otherwise complete the process with HESC in order for the applicant to be determined eligible. HESC will withdraw all applications for which a determination has not been made at the close of the fall term.**

Thank you for your continued support, attention and patience as we work jointly with HESC to implement this very important program.

Best,  
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