

**Southeastern Community College Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security
(CARES) Act Federal Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Reporting
Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students
May 5, 2020**

- Southeastern Community College (College) acknowledges the College signed and returned to the Department of Education (Department) the College's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CARES Act. This includes assurance that the College has used, or intends to use, no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
- The College was funded \$559,151 from the Department pursuant to the College's Certification of Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
- As of the date of this report, the College distributed \$245,609, to students.
- The estimated total number of the College's students eligible to participate in the programs under Section 684 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is 644.
- As of the date of this report, the total number of students who received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Acts is 230.
- The methods used by the College to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants, including how much a student would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act have been determined. *See Exhibit 1.*
- Students who are eligible to receive an Emergency Financial Aid Grant received an email notification. *See Exhibit 2.*
- Students who are eligible to receive an Emergency Financial Aid Grant must complete an online application to request funding. *See Exhibit 3.*

EXHIBIT 1: Southeastern Community College Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Federal Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students Eligibility Determination Guidelines

- Student must have been enrolled in at least one face-to-face class during Spring 2020 semester when the state of emergency due to coronavirus was declared.
- Student must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and be deemed Title IV eligible as defined by Section 484 of the Higher Education Act. Eligibility criteria includes the following:
 - Student is enrolled or accepted for enrollment in a degree or certificate program.

- Student must complete an online application completing the online application on SCC Website. As part of this process, student attests their need is related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus and falls into an eligible category of expense.
- Awards range from \$462 to \$1300, based on Spring 2020 enrollment, as follows:
 - All Students enrolled in at least one seated course as of the Colleges' March 15 enrollment will receive \$406.25. Each student will receive an additional \$55.53 for each seated credit hour. Total and or additional awards will be rounded to the dollar. Additional credit hour consideration was given for students enrolled in Nursing and Practical Nursing program.

EXHIBIT 2

Greetings,

U.S. Department of Education is providing federal funding for students who have been impacted by the disruption of the delivery of instruction due to COVID-19 through the CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) HEERF (Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund). Students must complete the Emergency Relief Fund application (see below link) to apply. Funding is limited and applications should be submitted by priority deadline May 22, 2020 for early consideration.

*There will be additional deadlines provided funding is available.

[ONLINE APPLICATION FORM](#)

Eligibility Criteria:

- Actively Enrolled in a curriculum program at SCC on March 13, 2020
- Have a High School Diploma or GED equivalency
- Submitted a valid FAFSA application and be eligible to receive Title IV funding. (Students that are eligible for Federal Pell Grant and students that qualified for Federal Loans per FAFSA are eligible to apply)
- CCP and Early College students are not eligible for funding according to the federal guidelines

(additional requirements may apply)

FAQs:

How do I apply for Emergency Relief Fund?

Complete the application (see link) and have a completed FAFSA application on file

I have not submitted a FAFSA application, is it too late?

No – Please submit ASAP. Your application cannot be processed until a valid FAFSA is received

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Education is critical to success at the College’s faculty, staff, and administration are always here for you

EXHIBIT 3

The image displays three sequential screenshots of the 'SCC CARES ACT-Emergency Funding Application' form, showing the progression from the title page to the questions section.

Screenshot 1 (Left): Shows the title page with the SCC logo and the text: "U.S. Department of Education is providing federal funding for students who have been impacted by the disruption of the delivery of instruction due to COVID-19 through the CARES Act (Continuing Education Relief and Economic Security) HEROES (Higher Education Emergency Relief) Fund. Students must complete the Emergency Relief Fund Application to apply. Funding is limited and applications should be submitted by priority deadline May 25, 2020 for early consideration. There will be additional deadlines if funds are available. By submitting this application, you are consenting to be contacted by a Student Services staff member."

Screenshot 2 (Middle): Shows the 'Questions' section with the following items:

- 5. Have you completed a FAFSA Application? A FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is needed for this application. If you have not completed a FAFSA application, log in to www.fafsa.ed.gov to complete the FAFSA online!
 - Yes
 - No
- 6. Which of the following financial concerns are you currently facing? (check all that apply) *
 - Food Cost
 - Housing Cost
 - Technology Cost - computers, internet access, etc.
 - Healthcare Cost
 - Childcare Cost
 - Course Materials Cost
 - Other college expenses related to the COVID-19 (fill in including button and text)
- 7. If you checked "Other college expenses related to the COVID-19" please explain below. (Not including button and text)
 - Enter your answer
- 8. Are there additional circumstances that you would like to explain as to how you have been impacted by the disruption of the delivery of instruction due to the COVID-19 pandemic? If so, please explain below. (Please note the loss of wages does not qualify as an expense related to instructional delivery.)
 - Enter your answer

Screenshot 3 (Right): Shows the bottom portion of the form:

- 9. Optional: Upload documentation, if available, to support your request, (such as receipts, copy of bill)
 - Upload file
 - File number limit: 1 Single file size limit: 10M Allowed file types: Word, Excel, PDF, Image, Video, Audio
- 10. What is your program of study?
 - Enter your answer
- 11. Student Signature *
 - Enter your answer
- 12. Date *
 - Please input date in format of MM/DD/YYYY
- 13. By selecting "I agree", you certify that the answers provided in this application are true and you have been impacted by the disruption of the delivery of instruction due to COVID-19.
 - I Agree
 - I Do Not Agree
- + Add new