

CARES Act Disclosure and Report

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Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute is a participating institution in the Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

To address the pressing financial need of students due to the disruption of campus operations from coronavirus, and pursuant to the authority duly delegated to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education under the CARES Act and associated with the coronavirus emergency, as stated in Proclamation 9994 of March 13, 2020, "Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak," Federal Register Vol. 85, No. 53 at 15337-38, CCC&TI has agreed to provide fifty (50) percent of the allocated grant funds under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, Pub. L. No. 116-136 (March 27, 2020) for the sole and exclusive purpose of providing emergency financial aid grants to students for their expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child-care expenses.

The Agreement and Certification was signed by the President of CCC&TI on April 17, 2020 and returned to the Department of Education. As agreed, no less than fifty (50) percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act will go directly to students for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

On April 25, 2020, the U.S. Department of Education notified CCC&TI the grant fund request under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act was approved and funded. CCC&TI was allocated \$1,753,469 in grants funds of which \$876,735 will be directly distributed to students in accordance with Section 18001(a)(1) of the CARES Act in the form of Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) grants.

The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of May 18, 2020 is \$441,570.

As of May 18, 2020, an estimated 1077 students were eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 making these students eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

As of May 18, 2020, Emergency Financial Aid Grant funds, under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, were disbursed to 1077 eligible students.

- As of May 18, 2020, the method(s) used to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act included:
- Identifying students who have completed the FAFSA and satisfied all required verification items used to determine an accurate EFC and/or were previously determined eligible under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965
- Identify students who have completed the FAFSA but have no outstanding verification items that would exempt them from being eligible under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965

- Identify the approximate number of students who have not completed the FAFSA (This figure was used in part when determining the initial base allocation)
- Identify the approximate number of students who have completed the FAFSA but have not yet completed the outstanding verification items that exempt them from being eligible under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (This figure was used in part when determining the initial base allocation)

Using the methodology outlined above, CCC&TI was able to meet the institutional goal of quickly dispersing at least fifty (50) percent of the total amount of the allocated student portion of the CARES Act funds to eligible students. All students determined eligible under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 have or will be allocated an initial base award of \$410.

Beginning May 18, 2020, students were emailed an opportunity to apply for additional funding through the CCC&TI Emergency CARES Act Fund Application. Applications will be accepted until June 19, 2020. At that time, eligibility under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 will be determined and additional funds will be allocated. CCC&TI expects to expend all of the student portion of the CARES Act funds well before the annual deadline.

Direct Communications to Students Regarding CARES Act Emergency Funds

05/07/20 - Email to all students who have not completed the FAFSA as of 05/07/20

Subject: CARES Act - Must Complete FAFSA

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute is participating in the CARES Act to assist students during the COVID-19 crisis. The Department of Education has stated that only students who are eligible for Title IV funding can receive CARES Act funds. To determine eligibility, a 2019-2020 FAFSA must be completed and submitted.

At this time, we do not have a 2019-2020 FAFSA on file for you. Complete the FAFSA by June 1, 2020, to determine eligibility for CARES Act funds. As it relates to Title IV funding eligibility, verification documents may be required.

Access the FAFSA by going to www.fafsa.gov. If you have any questions or concerns, access our virtual sign in here for help from the Financial Aid Office: (Link to Virtual Office)

05/18/20-05/22/20 – The first disbursement of CARES Act funds was made

05/18/20 - The following information was made available for students to view on their institutional Self-Service account upon receiving an award for CARES Act funds.

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grants to students for their expenses due to coronavirus, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child-care expenses. Students will have the opportunity to apply for additional emergency grant funds through an application process that will be email to their official college email account beginning May 18, 2020. The deadline for the application is June 19, 2020. Read more about the institution's response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) at <https://www.cccti.edu/COVID-19/Default.asp>

05/18/20 and 5/19/20 - Email to all students and posted on social media sites

CARES Act Emergency funding is now available for CCC&TI students. Students must complete their application before the June 19 deadline.

Here's the link to get started: <https://docs.google.com/> (Link Removed)

If you have questions, contact the Financial Aid Office at 828-726-2713 or email finaid@cccti.edu

05/21/20 – Email to students who received CARES Act funds

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute (CCC&TI) is a participating institution in the Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

CCC&TI was allocated \$1,753,469 in grants funds, of which \$876,735 will be directly distributed to students in accordance with the CARES Act in the form of Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) grants. The legislation specifies HEERF grant allocations must be used to cover expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus. Qualifying expenses include a student's cost of attendance, such as:

- Food
- Housing
- Course materials
- Technology
- Relocation expenses
- Health care
- Child care
- Transportation

As a result, eligible students will receive \$410 to assist with expenses related to the disruption of campus operations. Checks were mailed out on Tuesday, May 19. These funds must be paid directly to students by the college and cannot be used to cover an existing balance and the student is not required to pay these funds back.

In addition to the base allotment, students experiencing financial hardships may apply for additional assistance using the [CARES Act Emergency Funds application](#). HEERF grant allocations will vary based on students' individual situations, but our distribution plan is designed to help the most students with the greatest financial need.

06/15/20 – Email to all students, posted on social media sites, and Moodle Classroom.

CARES Act Emergency funding is now available for eligible CCC&TI students. If you haven't already done so, complete the application before the June 19 deadline. All applicants will be notified of their eligibility status by July 1, 2020.

Here's the link to apply: <https://docs.google.com> (Link Removed)

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09/04/20 - The following data tables regarding CARES Act funds were made available to EdNC during the last week of August, 2020. The information is current as of September 4, 2020.

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Disbursement Updates

05/18/20-05/22/20 – The first disbursement of CARES Act funds was made.

06/23/20 – Additional CARES Act funds were disbursed.

Total disbursement to date: \$449,360

Total students served to date: 1096

Total awarded to date: \$449,770

07/20/20 - Additional CARES Act funds in the amount of \$427,375 were disbursed to students who completed the CARES Act Emergency Application to request additional funds as a result of COVID-19. As of 08/03/20 awards were made in the amount of \$410 and once again in the amount of \$1,311.

Total disbursement to date: \$876,735

Total students served to date: 1099

Total awarded to date: \$876,735

09/04/20 – No additional disbursements have been made of CARES Act funds.

10/10/20 – No additional disbursements have been made of CARES Act funds.
