
CARES Act: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund

Description

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, And Economic Security (CARES) Act was passed by Congress and signed into law to provide economic relief as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The CARES Act authorized the U.S. Department of Education to provide grants to universities and colleges through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund.

Dr. Sarah Clemmons, President of Chipola College, signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement with the assurance Chipola intended 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 received funding in the amount of \$1,208,491 from the CARES Act, of which \$604,246 is designated for award in the form of emergency financial aid grants to eligible students, and \$604,245 is designated for the unexpected institutional expenses associated with significant changes to the delivery of instruction due to the pandemic.

Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

U.S. Department of Education CARES Act guidance requires those students receiving emergency financial aid grants must be eligible to participate in federal aid programs under Section 484 of the Higher Education Act. This eligibility was verified through students' federal financial aid application (FAFSA) for the 2019-2020 academic year.

All students were encouraged to complete a 2019-2020 FAFSA application to determine eligibility for a CARES Act grant.

Chipola College estimated 700 students would be eligible for funding.

First Round of CARES Act Financial Aid Grants made to Students Spring 2020 Semester

Round One: Checks Disbursed on May 12, 2020

Number of Students	Amount Per Student	Total Award
478	\$600.00	\$286,800.00

**Chipola College confirmed students' eligibility based on their 2019-2020 federal financial aid application (FAFSA) on file with the College. This group included students with the highest need who were Pell grant recipients and who successfully completed their Spring 2020 semester.*

Second Round of CARES Act Financial Aid Grants made to Students Spring 2020 Semester

Round Two: Checks Disbursed on June 3, 2020

Number of Students	Amount Per Student	Total Award
145	\$600.00	\$87,000.00

**Chipola College confirmed students' eligibility based on their 2019-2020 federal financial aid application (FAFSA) on file with the College and successful completion of their Spring 2020 semester.*

Third Round of CARES Act Financial Aid Grants made to Students Summer B 2020 (6 Weeks) Session

Round Three: Checks Disbursed on June 29, 2020

Number of Students	Amount Per Student	Total Award
153	\$525.00	\$80,325.00

**Chipola College confirmed students' eligibility based on their 2019-2020 federal financial aid application (FAFSA) on file with the College and successful completion of their Summer B 2020 session.*

Fourth Round of CARES Act Financial Aid Grants made to Students Summer A (12 Weeks) and Summer C (6 Weeks) 2020 Sessions

Round Four: Checks Disbursed on September 8, 2020

Number of Students	Amount Per Student	Total Award
84	\$890	\$74,760.00
71	\$525	\$37,275.00
28	\$365	\$10,220.00
69	\$362	\$24,978.00
8	\$361	\$2,888.00
Totals: 260		\$150,121.00

**Chipola College confirmed students' eligibility based on their 2019-2020 federal financial aid application (FAFSA) on file with the College and successful completion of their Summer A and/or Summer C 2020 session.*

***Students enrolled in Summer A only or in Summer A and C were awarded \$890. Students enrolled in Summer C only were awarded \$525. Students enrolled in Summer A that previously received a Summer B CARES award were awarded an additional \$365. Students enrolled in Summer C that previously received a Summer B CARES award were awarded an additional \$362 or \$361.*

Summary of CARES Act Financial Aid Grants made to Students

As detailed above, Chipola College distributed 1036 payments totaling \$604,246 to 677 students between May 11, 2020 and September 8, 2020 for the Spring 2020 and Summer 2020 semesters, fully awarding the College's CARES Act Student Aid Grant.