

Montgomery Community College
Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act
Federal Higher Education Emergency Relief Funding Reporting
Eligibility Determination Guidelines

Montgomery Community College has signed and returned to the Department of Education the Funding Certification and Agreement for the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. Section 18004(c) of the CARES Act requires Montgomery Community College to use no less than 50 percent of the funds received from Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus (including eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care).

Montgomery Community College has received \$191,488.00 from the Department of Education for emergency financial aid grants to students.

As of Friday, June 12, 2020, the College distributed \$191,488 to students for "expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus."

For the Spring 2020 semester, there are an estimated total of 491 curriculum students eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965. To be eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, students must have been enrolled in at least one face-to-face or hybrid course as of March 13, 2020. Of those 491 students eligible to participate in Title IV programs, 306 were determined to be enrolled in at least one face-to-face or hybrid course, making them eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

At institutions that provide both online and ground-based education, those students who were enrolled exclusively in an online program on March 13, 2020, the date of the President's Proclamation "Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak," Federal Register Vol. 85, No. 53 at 15337- 38, are not eligible for emergency financial aid grants. The formula provided by Congress for calculating the distribution of funds to institutions excludes students who were exclusively enrolled in distance education courses. Additionally, the emergency financial aid grants to students are for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus, and students who were enrolled exclusively in online programs would not have expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus.

As of Friday, June 12, 2020, 306 students have been awarded an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

Students were not required to have a Free Application for Federal Student Aid on file at the College. Students were not required to complete a separate application for the CARES Act Grant funding. The College will make this determination by verifying each enrolled student for the required criteria.

Aid was divided equally to all 306 students meeting the criteria listed above. All money received from Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus has been awarded.

Checks will be mailed to students the week of June 15, 2020.

First and Final Report: June 12, 2020, all funds have been expended.