



## CARES Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

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South Texas College has signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement on April 16, 2020. South Texas College 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.

Recipient's Funding Certification & Agreement - Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act	<a href="#">Download</a>
Total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.	<b>\$10,011,199</b>
Total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the 30 day Report)	<b>\$9,450,600</b>
Estimated total number of students at the institution eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 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	<b>12,000</b>
Total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act	<b>11,315</b>

## Methods

The method to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants was based on regulations in Public Law in HR 748 - 116th Congress, 2nd Session, CARES Act, Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund, Section 18004, guidance published by the US Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education that was posted on May 6, 2020 online at <https://ifap.ed.gov/electronicannouncements/050620HigherEdEmergencyReliefFundRptg> and guidance posted to the Office of Postsecondary Education's CARES Act: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund website at <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/caresact.html>. The Frequently Asked Questions document posted by the Office of Postsecondary Education states in Answer #4 that "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...are not eligible for emergency financial aid grants" and in Answer #9 it states that "only students who are or could be eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), may receive emergency financial aid grants. If student have filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), then the student has demonstrated eligibility to participate in programs under Section 484 of the HEA. Students who have not filed a FAFSA but who are eligible to file a FAFSA also may receive emergency financial aid grants. The criteria to participate in programs under Section 484 of the HEA include but are not limited to the following: US citizenship or eligible noncitizen; a valid Social Security number; registration with Selective Service (if the student is male); and a high school diploma, GED, or completion of high school in an approved homeschool setting." Accordingly, South Texas College has complied with regulations and guidance in processing applications from students it has received.

The method to determine how much each student would receive considered the allocation formula grant funds received by South Texas College for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, plans to use no less than fifty percent of the funds received 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 students costs

of attendance such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care), and an estimated number of students who would meet the eligibility guidelines provided by the US Department of Education: Office of Postsecondary Education. South Texas College determined the amount of each individual emergency financial aid grant consistent with all applicable laws including non-discrimination laws, has collected information from student applicants, and determined that the initial distribution amount for eligible Spring 2020 students would be \$600.

## **Instructions**

Please view supporting documents of instruction, direction, and guidance STC provided to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants:

- [Emergency Grant Application](#)
- [CARES Email Message](#)
- [CARES Informational Webpage](#)