

Piedmont Community College
Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act
Federal Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Reporting
Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

January 8, 2020

Piedmont 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 \$569,586.00 from the Department pursuant to the College's Certification of Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
- For quarter ending **December 31, 2020** the College distributed \$71,076 to students.
- The estimated total number of the College's students eligible to participate in the 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 is 300.
- The total number of students who received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Acts for the quarter ending **December 31, 2020** is 77.
- 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 survey to request funding. **See Exhibit 3.**

EXHIBIT 1

Piedmont 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 has a high school diploma or GED.
 - Student meets satisfactory academic progress, as applicable.
 - Student does not owe an overpayment on Title IV grants or loans.
 - Student is not in default on a Title IV loan.
 - Student, as part of the financial aid application process, filed a certification that includes a statement of educational purpose and social security number.
 - Student has a verified security number.
 - Student is a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or eligible noncitizen.
 - Student returned fraudulently obtained Title IV funds, if convicted of or pled guilty or no contest to charges.
 - Student has not fraudulently received Title IV loans in excess of annual or aggregate limits.
 - Student repaid Title IV loan amounts in excess of annual or aggregate limits if obtained inadvertently.
 - Student registered with Selective Service, as applicable.
 - Student does not have a federal or state conviction for drug possession or sale, with certain time limitations.
 - Student must complete an online application by completing the survey for CARES Act funding sent to their PCC student email. As part of this process, the student attests their need is related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus and falls into an eligible category of expense.

Piedmont Community College guidelines:

- CARES Act awards were based on federal guidelines for Phase 1 criteria in addition to incorporating student EFC and eligible enrollment credit hours under Title IV.
- Awards ranged from \$200.00 to \$1,200.00 per student based on Spring 2020 enrollment as follows:

EFC	TOTAL AWARDED
0	\$45,116
1-5576	\$19,560
5577-8500	\$6,400
GRAND TOTAL	\$71,076

***Note:** Student Enrollment data has been collapsed at this time due to Phase 1 guidance from Department of Education. More detailed data cannot be reported at this time due to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99). In preparing the 30-day Fund Report, institutions should use data suppression and other methodologies to comply with and protect the personally identifiable information from student education records, under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99). For example, the Department does not expect institutions to report information about a group of 10 or fewer students. **For example, if the total number of eligible students, the total of number of students who received Emergency Financial Aid Grants, or the difference between the two numbers is less than 10, then the institution should not display the number of students or the amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students on publicly available website(s) controlled by the institution.**

EXHIBIT 2

Dear Student,

We hope that this email finds you doing well. Piedmont Community College has received funding under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The CARES Act includes a Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) that provides emergency funding to higher education. A portion of these funds have been set aside for students who have expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

These emergency grants are intended to assist students with expenses related to disruptions to their education due to the COVID-19 outbreak, including childcare, food, healthcare/medical, housing, technology, and course materials.

You have been identified as an eligible recipient of the CARES Act funding based on the following eligibility criteria:

The CARES Act emergency assistance fund application is open to students at PCC who were attending classes on or after March 13, 2020. To be eligible for a grant, students must meet **ALL** of the following qualifications:

- Enrolled at PCC in a 16-week and/or 2nd 8-week course(s) in the spring of 2020 on or after March 13, 2020
- Enrolled in the spring 2020 term in a Financial Aid Eligible Program
- Not enrolled in completely online courses prior to March 13, 2020
- Completed 2019-2020 FAFSA listing PCC's school code 009646

You may apply for the funding by completing the [CARES Act application](#). We encourage early application completion so that we can distribute emergency funding to students ASAP. Funds will be disbursed via check. Please login into [WebAdvisor](#) and view My Profile to make sure we have your accurate mailing address on file. If you need to update your address, you may do so through [WebAdvisor](#) Doc e Fill – (Forms) by completing the Change of Student Information Form.

If you have any questions related to this process, please contact the financial aid office.

- Person County Campus – (336) 599-1181, ext. 4004
- Caswell County Campus – (336) 694-8046

Sincerely,

Financial Aid Office

EXHIBIT 3

CARES Act Student Survey

Section 1: Demographic Data

1. First name

2. Middle Initial

3. Last name

4. Are you registered for courses at PCC for the Summer 2020 term?

Yes No

5. Have you registered for courses at PCC for the Fall 2020 semester?

Yes No

Section 2: CARES Act Data

6. Did you complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form for the academic year 2019 - 2020?

Yes No

7. Have you completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form for the upcoming academic year 2020 - 2021?

Yes No

8. CARES Act funds are required to be used for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Were you impacted in any of the following ways? Select all that apply:

- Food Transportation Housing
- Course materials Technology Healthcare Childcare
- None of the above Other (please explain) _____

9. Comments:

Section 3: Attestation

10. Please indicate your agreement with the following statement:

I understand that the Federal CARES Act requires that any emergency funds I receive must be used to offset expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus. I attest that I will use the funds received from Piedmont Community College to pay for emergency expenses as defined above by the CARES Act. By selecting the "I Accept" button, you are signing this Agreement electronically. You agree your electronic signature is the legal equivalent of your manual signature on this Agreement. By selecting "I Accept" you consent to be legally bound by this Agreement's terms and conditions.

- I accept
- I do not accept