

05/15/2020 – Enterprise State Community College

On April 9, 2020, U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos announced that \$6.28 billion (50% of the CARES Act funding) will be distributed to higher educational institutions to provide direct emergency cash grants to college students whose lives and educations have been disrupted by the coronavirus outbreak. These funds are available through the CARES Act signed into law by President Donald J. Trump in March 2020.

Each institutions allocation was derived by a formula prescribed in the CARES Act that is weighted significantly by the number of full-time students who are Pell-eligible but also takes into consideration the total population of the school and the number of students who were not enrolled full-time online before the coronavirus outbreak. The Department of Education (DOE) utilized the most recent data available from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) and Federal Student Aid (FSA) for this calculation.

On April 14, 2020, Enterprise State Community College signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement to participate in the Cares Act. This agreement states that Enterprise State Community College will use, 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.

Enterprise State Community College received \$1,240,747 in Cares Act funding.

On May 20, 2020 Enterprise State Community College paid \$620,379 (50% of the Cares Act funding) to students to help with the costs of technology, course materials, health care, child care and other essential college needs.

Enterprise State Community College had 1,086 students eligible to receive Cares Act funds. All eligible students received \$571.50.

Cares Act Grant eligible recipients had to meet the following guidelines per federal requirements as of March 16, 2020:

1. Be enrolled in at least one (1) brick and mortar class for Spring 2020
2. Be eligible to complete a FAFSA
3. Have a valid Social Security Number
4. Males must be registered with Selective Service
5. Students must have a High School Diploma or GED
6. Students must be enrolled in a degree or certificate program for Spring 2020

Transient and distance learning (only) students do not qualify for Cares Act Grant funds.

Eligible students at Enterprise State Community College were identified by running a query from the college operating system. This query listed all students that were enrolled in a

class associated with a degree or certificate program for Spring 2020 as of March 16. We then did the following:

- eliminated students that were distance learning ONLY
- eliminated transient and dual enrollment students
- eliminated males students that were not registered with Selective Service
- eliminated all international students
- identified all students that had completed a FAFSA
- identified all students that could be eligible to file a FAFSA

Eligible students received the funds by check or through direct deposit. To ensure the funds were correctly distributed, students were notified via college email address and through CANVAS (college learning management system) asking that they login to their myESCC account and verify that their mailing address and/or direct deposit banking information was correct.

Enterprise State Community College issued one (1) award to eligible students.

Contact

If you have any questions, please contact the Financial Aid Office at financialaid@escc.edu or 334-347-2623 ext. 2297.