

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) about the CARES Act Student Funding

1. Has FDLTCC applied for CARES Act funds and will it be awarding them to students?

FDLTCC has applied for, received, and disbursed CARES Act Emergency Relief Grant Funds to students.

2. What is the total amount of CARES Act funds FDLTCC received for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students?

\$372,416.00

3. What is the total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students?

As of May 13, 2020: \$349,646.99

As of June 30, 2020: \$350,566.99

As of September 30, 2020: \$350,716.99

4. How many students were eligible for the initial Emergency Financial Aid Grants?

499 students

5. How many students received an initial Emergency Financial Aid Grant?

499 students

6. How did FDLTCC determine who was eligible and how much they would receive?

The CARES Act gave schools the criteria they were to use in determining who was eligible for this funding. Using that criteria, FDLTCC followed a two-step process to determine who was eligible.

Step 1. FDLTCC ran a list from our computer system that could only include students who were enrolled in at least one ground-based (not online) class that was for credit as of Monday, March 13, 2020.

Step 2. After running that list, we had to exclude the following:

- Students who were in only online courses
- PSEO / CITS
- Seniors
- DACA students
- International students
- Students in Default on student loans
- Employees of the college
- Male students who did not register with Selective Service when between the ages 18-25
- Students who received their financial aid at another school Spring semester
- Incarcerated students

The result was 499 students eligible to receive a base award of \$350.70. Of those 499, 329 were PELL-eligible and they received an additional \$531.91.

Eligible students were notified via email with an attached pdf file of a letter of explanation from President Hammitt.

We held back \$22,769.01 for COVID19 related student emergency expenses during Summer Session 2020 and Fall Semester 2020. As of September 30,2020, a total of \$1,070 of additional grants have been awarded to 4 students.

7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to student concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants?

CARES Act Guidelines require that the emergency money distributed to students be used to cover student expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to Coronavirus. These eligible expenses include those considered as the student's cost of attendance such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and childcare.

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