

Overview and Reporting Requirements

Section 18004(a)(1) of the [Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security \(CARES\) Act](#) authorized the Secretary of Education (Secretary) to allocate formula grant funds to CCI Training Center (CCI) in the amount of \$98,431. Section 18004(c) of the CARES Act requires CCI to use no less than fifty percent of the funds received (\$49,215.50) to provide emergency financial aid grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of CCI campus operations due to coronavirus.

In June 2020, CCI executed a CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) Certification and Agreement with the U.S. Department of Education (DOE) that provides assurance that CCI intends to make Emergency Financial Aid Grants available to students and directs CCI to submit a report to the Secretary describing the use of funds distributed from the HEERF.

Allocation and Award Data

- As of September 30, 2020 CCI, has distributed \$57,000 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants to 129 students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act for both award categories listed in the Category of Funds Available section of this webpage.
- CCI estimates as of September 30, 2020, that 170 students are 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.

Method to Determine Eligibility

The CARES Act is a federal program. The U.S. government guidelines have instructed colleges/universities 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 a student has filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), then the student has demonstrated eligibility to participate in programs under Section 484 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: U.S. 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.”

In addition to the federal guidelines for qualification you must also:

- Be currently enrolled in a course.
- Have a passing Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP), meaning you are passing your courses, have good attendance and participation.

Categories of Funds Available

CCI has established two categories of students eligible to receive CARES Act Section 18004(a)(1) Emergency Financial Aid Grants. All current students were sent an email on steps to take to obtain funds. If you are a current student, please contact your school administrator to inquire on how to obtain funds or ask that the email be resent.

Category 1: Fixed Grant or Laptop

- Eligible students receive a fixed emergency grant in the amount of \$400.
- If you do not have a working laptop with capabilities to complete all online course program requirements, then you can request a laptop of a \$400 value in lieu of the \$400 grant.

Category 2: Additional Grant- Application Based

- In addition to the laptop or \$400 grant, if any eligible CCI students are experiencing extreme financial strain due to COVID-19, they may request an application to see if they qualify for additional funds. Applications for the needs -based fund will be reviewed by management and decided upon case by case. The maximum amount of each grant is \$700, this includes the initial \$400 laptop/check. Therefore, the application maximum is \$300.