

CARES Act – Student Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Grant Reporting 1st Quarter Report ending Sep 30, 2020

Reporting Period Ending September 30, 2020

As part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, signed into Law by President Trump on March 27, 2020, the Department of Education has made available funding to provide relief to students whose enrollment was disrupted by the COVID-19 outbreak. Davis Technical College has been allocated funding from the CARES Act and must utilize at least 50% of the funds as Emergency Financial Aid Grants to eligible students. To comply with requirements to receive the funding and distribute to students, Davis Technical College must provide the following information:

 An acknowledgement that Davis Technical College signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that Davis Technical 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.

As part of the agreement and certification that was signed by Davis Technical College on April 14, 2020, it is our intention to use at a minimum 50% of the total allocation that will be received, as direct payments to students that had their enrollment disrupted as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak. Our application was submitted to the Department of Education using the Grants.Gov system on April 15, 2020.

The total amount of funds that Davis Technical College will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

Davis Technical College has received 50% of the funding, totaling \$356,638 from the Department of Education to use as Emergency Financial Aid Grants as payments to be made directly to students.

3. The 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.

Through the period ending 9/30/2020 Davis Technical College has disbursed \$120,431 to 109 students.

4. The estimated total number of students at Davis Technical College 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.

Davis Technical College has approximately 600 students that are potentially eligible to participate in federal financial aid programs under Section 484 in the Title IV Higher Education Act of 1965. This is the number of students that have completed the 2019-2020 or 2020-2021 FAFSA and are enrolled in an eligible program. There are an estimated 1,400 students enrolled in Title IV eligible programs. The Department of Education has indicated that a student must be eligible to participate in federal financial aid programs and therefore must meet the following requirements to be considered eligible to receive the Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students:

1. Be a US Citizen or Eligible Non-Citizen

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- 2. Have a valid social security number
- 3. Not be in default of any federal loan
- 4. Not have an overpayment of any federal aid (Pell Grant, FSEOG, Perkins, TEACH Grant)
- 5. If male, must have registered with the Selective Service between the ages of 18 and 26
- 6. High school diploma, GED or completion of high school in an approved home school setting
- 7. Meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress
- 8. Enrolled in a Title IV eligible program

Davis Technical College will require that students, interested in receiving the Emergency Financial Aid Grants, must have completed either the 2019-2020 or 2020-2021 FAFSA. The FAFSA has database matches with the Social Security Administration, DHS, Selective Service and the National Student Loan Database, which will allow us to confirm your eligibility.

5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

As of 10/26/2020 Davis Technical College has disbursed funds to 127 students.

6. The method(s) used by Davis Technical College to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

Davis Technical College will request that a student apply, where they will self-certify how their enrollment has been disrupted by the COVID-19 outbreak and what expenses have been incurred as a result of the disruption to their enrollment. The Emergency Financial Aid Grants are not to be used to replace lost income. The Financial Aid office has identified students who were active in their programs at the time campus operations were disrupted (on or after March 13, 2020) and will be contacting those students by email on how to apply for the grant. If you were not contacted by the Financial Aid office but feel that your enrollment was disrupted by the COVID-19 outbreak, please reach out to the Financial Aid office for assistance. Active students that have not completed the FAFSA will also be contacted to inform them of the CARES HEERF Grant and to complete the FAFSA in order to apply.

Beginning November 2020, Davis Tech will begin to send direct payments to students that have completed the 2020-2021 FAFSA and are enrolled and attending in an eligible program. Student must also meet requirements as outlined under section 4. The payment amount will be determined by Pell eligibility where students that are Pell eligible will receive \$700.00 and student that are not Pell eligible will receive \$400.

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

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The Emergency Financial Aid Grants will be distributed to students that have expenses as a result of disruption to their enrollment at Davis Technical College. Please be advised that the funding for the grant is limited to expenses the student has incurred and not ones that were incurred by other family members or members of the household. The grant is not meant to replace lost income, just for expenses incurred as a result of a disruption to campus operations.

Expenses that can be considered are:

- Technology Expenses
 - o To be able to study online you were required to buy a laptop/computer
- Program Supplies
 - You did not have access to certain programs, software or supplies at home that had access to while on campus
 - Please note that any textbooks or program supplies that you would have been required to purchase if on campus cannot be considered for this grant
- Increase in expenses such as:
 - Internet: you did not have high speed internet at home or needed to increase your internet performance in order to study online
 - o Utilities: Gas, Electricity, Water have increased
 - o Food/Groceries has increased
 - Child Care costs have increased
 - Healthcare Costs have increased

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