Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) ACT

SCC has applied for the HEERF funds and will comply with Section 18004(e) of the CARES Act and submit an initial report (the “30-day Fund Report”) to the Secretary thirty (30) days from the date of the institution’s Certification and Agreement to the Department. SCC is posting the information listed below on our primary website. Accordingly, the following information must appear in a format and location that is easily accessible to the public 30 days after the date when the institution received its allocation under 18004(a)(1) and updated every 45 days thereafter:

1. An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution 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.

   SCC signed and returned to the DOE the Certification and Agreement and assurances that SCC intends to use no less than 50% of the funds received per the Cares Act to approved Emergency Financial Aid Grants to SCC Students.

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

   SCC has been allocated $2,086,602.00.

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 (i.e., as of the 30-day Report and every 45 days thereafter).

   SCC has disbursed $539,686.00 total to date, 5/7/20.

4. The estimated total number of students at the institution 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.

   SCC has 8210 estimated students who are eligible for Cares Act funds.

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

   433 SCC students have received CARES Act emergency funds to date, 5/7/20.
6. The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

SCC students may apply for Cares Act funds to meet their additional expenses due to the disruption of campus operations caused by COVID-19. All students must apply for Cares Act funds at: [https://scc.spokane.edu/How-to-Pay-for-College](https://scc.spokane.edu/How-to-Pay-for-College).

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

   a. Email message to students

   Hello,

   SCC realizes that you may be struggling with financial issues right now due to the Coronavirus pandemic. We have a limited amount of emergency relief funds to assist you with unexpected financial hardships that may disrupt your education, including:

   - Access to technology (laptop or WiFi/internet access)
   - Housing and living expenses
   - Family emergencies
   - Natural disasters
   - Loss of income
   - and more...

   All you have to do is complete the following online request form and submit a FAFSA to make sure you meet the Department of Education's eligibility requirements.

   Online Request Form: [https://scc.spokane.edu/How-to-Pay-for-College](https://scc.spokane.edu/How-to-Pay-for-College)

   FAFSA: [https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa/](https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa/)


   If you are enrolled in ABE coursework only, you may qualify for limited institutional emergency funds.

   For additional resources and for information on how SCC is addressing the impact of COVID-19, please visit our Coronavirus Updates page. If you have any questions, please call the Financial Aid Office at (509) 533-7017 and leave a message.

   Sincerely,

   The Financial Aid Office

   Spokane Community College