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CARES ACT: EMERGENCY FINANCIAL AID GRANTS

Congress passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act which will deliver emergency assistance to East Mississippi Community College in the form of funds to be further distributed to its students and used to cover expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus (including eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care). The CARES Act provides institutions with significant discretion on how to award this emergency assistance to students. Each institution may develop its own system and process for determining how to allocate these funds.

Acknowledgement

East Mississippi Community College (EMCC) signed and returned the Agreement to the US Department of Education and has used 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.

Eligibility Requirements

The US Department of Education has stated that recipients must be Title IV eligible which include the following:

- Must have a high school diploma or other recognized equivalent.
- Must be a citizen of the US or an eligible non-citizen.
- Must have a valid social security number.
- Must not be in default on a student loan.
- Males must have registered with Selective Service.
- Must be meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements.
- If selected for V4/V5 Verification, must have submitted the Identity Statement of Educational Purpose.

How to Apply

East Mississippi Community College, in adherence to the federal guidelines required the following from a student to meet eligibility guidelines:

- Complete the FAFSA, meeting Title IV eligibility requirements.
- Enrolled in courses as of March 13.
- Complete an online institutional CARES application that had to be signed certifying expenses were incurred related to food, course materials, technology, healthcare, or childcare due to the novel coronavirus.

Distribution

Each semester an email was sent to all enrolled students explaining the eligibility requirements and how the funds would be distributed.

Funds were electronically disbursed to students via BankMobile. The funds that were not accessed by the student on their BankMobile account were returned to the institution by BankMobile. The institution then cut a paper check for these students and mailed it to the student address that was on file at the college.

Spring 2020 semester method for awarding.

Hours enrolled	# of Students	Award Per Student	Total Awarded
15 or more	993	\$900	\$893,700
11-14	167	\$600	\$100,200
7-10	77	\$300	\$23,100
1-8	20	\$150	\$3,000

Summer 2020 semester method for awarding.

Hours enrolled	# of Students	Award Per Student	Total Awarded
9 or more	188	900	\$169,200
3-8	320	600	\$192,000

Fall 2020 semester method for awarding.

Hours enrolled	# of Students	Award Per Student	Total Awarded
1 or more	1115	\$285	\$318,243

Reporting of Institutional Funds as of October 13, 2020

The total amount of funds the institution received for the student portion of the CARES Act is \$1,699,451. As of October 13, East Mississippi Community College has disbursed \$1,699,443.

- As of 6/2/2020, EMCC disbursed \$1,020,000 to 1257 qualifying students enrolled in the spring 2020 semester
- As of 8/6/2020, EMCC disbursed \$361,200 to 508 qualifying students enrolled in the summer 2020 semester
- As of /2020, EMCC disbursed \$318,243 to 1115 qualifying students enrolled in the fall 2020 semester