

DSCC CARES ACT STUDENT EMERGENCY AID FUNDING FAQs

What is the CARES/Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund provided by the federal government?

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act was passed by Congress and signed into law to provide economic relief from COVID-19. One section of the CARES Act established the Higher Education Emergency Relief fund and gave money to schools to use for emergency financial aid grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the pandemic. DSCC signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement. DSCC 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.

How much did DSCC receive from the Department of Education for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students?

DSCC received \$747,611 from the Department of Education for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

What is the estimated total number of students at DSCC 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?

1,500

What is the total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act?

1,174

What method(s) are 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?

DSCC will hold 10% of initial total allocated funding to provide special payments to Title IV eligible students in need who meet all eligibility requirements outlined by the Department of Education. DSCC determines the amount of the additional payment. DSCC will use the remaining 90% of total allocated funding to make payments across all full-time or part-time Title IV eligible students. Individuals must have been enrolled on or after March 13th for the spring 2020 semester. This does not include students who were not considered eligible for Title IV aid, initially enrolled exclusively in distance education courses as of March 13, 2020, transient, dual enrolled, non-degree seeking, or special industry. Students are categorized

according to Pell eligibility status (based on Expected Family Contribution (EFC)) during the spring 2020 payment period (Pell vs. No Pell). Payments to the Pell eligible group are based on an increase of 5% to the group's overall originally calculated payment allocation. While the non-Pell eligible group's overall payment allocation is reduced accordingly. Distributions to all Pell students are equal, and distributions to all non-Pell eligible students are equal.

Who is eligible for the CARES/Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds?

The US Department of Education released guidelines for emergency grant aid to students that we must verify. The requirements set forth in the federal guidelines for emergency grant aid to students include, but are not limited to:

- An individual must have been a student as of March 13, 2020
- Be enrolled in a financial aid approved degree or certificate program on or after March 13, 2020 for the spring 2020 semester
- Students cannot have been enrolled solely in an online format as of March 13, 2020

Payments to Pell eligible students are also prioritized, as suggested by the US Department of Education. If the US Department of Education modifies requirements and additional funding is made available, we will notify any student who becomes eligible.

Transient Student Enrolled at Another School

Any student receiving emergency grant aid at DSCC must be enrolled as degree seeking. If you are attending another institution, you are a transient student and not eligible for a payment at DSCC. We recommend you contact your home institution to determine how they plan to disburse emergency grant aid.

How much funding will I get?

Award amounts will vary by student and will depend on whether or not the student received Pell Grant funding during the spring 2020 semester.

We will update these FAQ as additional information becomes available on the use of these funds.

RESOURCES

Applying for Financial Aid - www.fafsa.gov

Check your DSCC Financial Aid Status - www.dsc.edu

DSCC Paying for College website - <https://www.dsc.edu/financial-aid>

CONTACT US

Email: financialaid@dsc.edu

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FEDERAL SCHOOL CODE

The DSCC federal school code is 006835.