

## **CARES Act- Spring 2020 - Distribution of Funds to Eligible Students**

Quincy College has signed an agreement with the Department of Education to receive and disburse funds under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. Quincy College has received a total of \$2,770,136 of which 50% will be used for emergency financial assistance for eligible undergraduate students.

Quincy College will distribute funds to eligible students starting May 8, 2020 as part of the U.S. Emergency Financial Aid grant program. Funds will be awarded in accordance with the CARES Act and all other applicable laws, including nondiscrimination laws.

### **FAQs**

#### **What is the CARES Act funding?**

The funding is in place to assist students with costs incurred by students as a result of the disruption of campus operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Circumstances include loss/reduction of income, assistance needed for living expenses, transportation costs, unanticipated educational costs around technology, childcare, medical expenses, etc.

#### **Who is eligible for these funds?**

The Department of Education states that students who are or could be eligible to receive federal Title IV financial aid funding may receive CARES Act 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.

Eligible students must be enrolled at Quincy College during the spring or summer 2020 semester in at least one on-campus class prior to campus disruption due to COVID-19.

**How many students may receive funding, and how much will they receive?**

Over 1665 students are immediately eligible for funds based on their Title IV eligibility. The maximum award will not exceed \$1,000 for a full-time student and will be prorated based on less than full-time enrollment.

**When will the CARES Act grants be available?**

All students determined to be eligible through the 2019-2020 FAFSA will begin to receive checks after May 8. If you believe that you are eligible and did not receive a check, please contact Rose DeVito, Associate Vice President of Financial Aid, at [rdevito@quincycollege.edu](mailto:rdevito@quincycollege.edu)

**If a student has never filled out a FAFSA and applied for federal aid, can they still receive emergency funding?**

Funds are being distributed to students with established Title IV eligibility based on the 2019-2020 FAFSA.

In addition, students who filled out a Quincy College CARES Act Emergency Fund application by the deadline of May 3, 2020 are also being considered for funding. Applicants will be reviewed for their eligibility to receive federal Title IV financial aid, including 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. Further, the student must have been enrolled at the College during the spring 2020 semester in at least one on-campus class prior to campus disruption.

Students who filled out the CARES Act Emergency Fund application by the deadline of May 3, 2020 are being contacted by Rose DeVito, Associate Vice President of Financial Aid, once eligibility is established. Ms. DeVito can be contacted at [rdevito@quincycollege.edu](mailto:rdevito@quincycollege.edu) to answer any questions.

**Does the CARES Act emergency fund affect my financial aid eligibility?**

No, this fund is not considered as part of your financial aid award and will have no effect on current or future Title IV eligibility.

**Progress to Date**

As of this date, 1781 students have received a total of \$1,385,068 in funding and this completes the distribution of CARES Act Section 1 for students.

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