

The CARES Act 30-Day Fund Report – 09/30/2020

Tom P. Haney Technical Center

The CARES Act (also known as the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act) is federal legislation that established and funded the **Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund** to provide emergency funding to higher education institutions. A portion of each institution's allocation must be awarded to students in the form of emergency financial aid grants for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the COVID-19 crisis. Information pertaining to the **Student Emergency Grants** can be located below.

Student Emergency Grant

Haney Technical Center has signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education the Certification and Agreement to receive \$539,960 from the Department, provided under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. Of that amount, at least \$269,980 will be used for emergency student aid.

In distributing these funds, Haney has followed, and will follow, the instructions and guidance provided by the CARES Act, the U.S. Department of Education, Federal Student Aid, and the Certification and Agreement completed by the College. That guidance provides institutions with discretion to develop its own system and process for determining how to allocate these funds, subject to certain limitations on student eligibility and expense eligibility.

Distribution

Haney Technical Center is distributing the emergency student aid grants in multiple rounds with an application process that began on May 4, 2020. The application requires each applicant to attest that they have incurred eligible expenses. Eligible expenses, per the CARES Act, are “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, healthcare, and child-care expenses).” The student eligibility requirements for each round are outlined below. Applications will be processed in the order in which they are received. Students who meet all student and expense eligibility requirements will receive grants up to \$750 initially. Additional awards will be distributed, funds permitting.

Disbursement

As of September 30, 2020, \$171,750 of emergency grant aid has been distributed to 138 students.

Eligibility

Applications opened May 4, 2020

To be eligible to receive emergency aid, you must meet all of the qualifications below:

- Been enrolled at Haney Technical Center in a certificate program between March 27, 2020 and December 31, 2020.
 - Have a high school diploma or a General Education Development (GED) certificate, or have completed homeschooling
 - Be a U.S. citizen or national, permanent resident, or an eligible noncitizen
 - Have submitted a 2019-20 or 2020-21 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
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Am I eligible?

The U.S. Department of Education has asked Haney to identify the estimated total number of students eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965. As of March 27, 2020, Haney estimates that this number is approximately 175-200 students. This figure represents those former or current HTC students who have demonstrated their Title IV eligibility and have a valid 2019-20 or 2020-21 FAFSA on file between March 27, 2020 and December 31, 2020. It is possible, however, that some portion of these students, while Title IV eligible, did not incur eligible CARES Act expenses.

As noted above, according to the CARES Act and guidance from the Department of Education, the “sole and exclusive purpose” for these student grants is for “expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child-care expenses.” All applicants seeking funding are required to attest that they have incurred eligible expenses.

How do I apply?

Check your email or Haney’s website for the CARES Act Grant Application

If you received an email with the application form attached from Haney Technical Center’s Financial Aid Office inviting you to apply for a CARES grant, you are eligible to apply for a CARES Act grant. Follow the instructions in the email to complete and submit the application for a CARES Act grant.