

Miles Community College CARES Emergency Grant Program

Through the [Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security \(CARES\) Act](#), the U.S. Department of Education announced the [Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund \(HEERF\)](#) to support the changes and challenges students are experiencing as a result of COVID-19.

Miles Community College received approximately \$123,000 for emergency financial aid grants for students in an effort to help with additional expenses associated with the impacts of COVID-19.

Current degree-seeking students enrolled for the spring 2020 semester who are eligible to apply for federal Title IV financial aid, and who experienced unexpected financial hardship resulting from the COVID-19 outbreak, are eligible to apply for CARES Act funds. Students will not be required to repay the money, and it is in addition to any financial aid or scholarships already received. Funds will be issued directly to students.

[Students must submit an online application for CARES Emergency Funding here.](#)

CARES Act Grant Frequently Asked Questions

I am an international student and not a citizen of the United States. Am I eligible for a CARES Act grant?

No. Because you are not able to apply for federal Title IV financial aid, you are not eligible

How can students apply for CARES Act funds?

Eligible students may apply online beginning May 5, 2020, until all funds are exhausted. Students who have completed a FAFSA are eligible. Otherwise, eligibility for federal Title IV aid includes but is 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 or high school equivalency credential (GED, HiSET), or completion of high school in an approved homeschool setting.

What are the types of expenses covered by CARES Act funding?

Eligible expenses for CARES Act funding include, but are not necessarily limited to, technology and connectivity needs related to distance learning, textbooks and other instructional expenses, sudden loss of housing/rent, food/groceries, relocation costs to return home, unexpected childcare costs, and other unexpected expenses included in the student's cost of attendance. The grant does NOT cover legal fines/expenses, cost of entertainment, recreation, or non-emergency travel, and tuition and fees outstanding to the college.

How much funding will I get?

Award amounts vary by student and are unique to each student's circumstances. Grants do not typically exceed \$1,000. A student can receive only one emergency grant per academic year.

What should I do if I'm not sure that my expense would be covered by CARES Act funding?

We encourage all students in need to fill out the application and describe the funding they need to successfully pursue their studies.

How long before I know if I'm awarded?

We anticipate a large volume of applications and will work to process submissions as quickly as possible. Our goal is to provide funding decisions as soon as possible, but no later than 7-10 business days depending upon the sufficiency of your application and required documentation.

What documentation am I required to submit for the CARES Act application?

Documentation is dependent upon the circumstances of the student applying and is outlined in the application.

How will I receive the funding if my request is approved?

A check will be mailed to the mailing address on record with the college in Banner. Please sure that your address is accurate and up-to-date in your Banner Self-Service account.

I graduate this semester. Can I still receive assistance?

If you are graduating in Spring 2020, you must apply as soon as possible be considered for funding. Applications received from graduating students after June 1, 2020 (when summer term begins) will not qualify for this emergency aid program.

For questions about the CARES Act Emergency Grants for students, please contact Director of Financial Aid and Admissions, Danielle Dinges, at 406.874.6182 or dingesd@milesc.edu.