

CARES Act Statement –May 30, 2020

The CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund-IHE/Student Aid provides funding to institutions to provide emergency financial aid grants to students whose lives have been disrupted, many of whom are facing financial challenges and struggling to make ends meet.

1. Carroll Community College (Carroll) signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education the Certification and Agreement on April 20, 2020 and the assurance that Carroll 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.
2. The total amount of funds that Carroll will receive or has received from the U.S. Department of Education pursuant to Carroll's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students is \$552,441.00.
3. The total amount of \$366,100 of Emergency Financial Aid Grants will be distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act by May 22, 2020.
4. The estimated total number of students at Carroll 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 is 523 students.
5. Five hundred and twenty three students will receive an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
6. Eligibility includes students who were awarded Title IV funds (federally funded financial aid) and who were enrolled as of March 14, 2020 in at least one face-to-face course for the Spring semester. In addition these students must have filed a FAFSA and received an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of 10000 or less. These students will receive a \$700 Emergency Financial Aid Grant award.
7. Letters were emailed to students' Carroll email accounts, letting them know an award was forthcoming. They were told that by cashing their emergency refund check, they are certifying that they have incurred expenses, at least equal to the amount of the \$700 award, as a direct result of the disruption COVID-19 had on Carroll operations; and that their expenses were in one or more of these areas: food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and/or child care.