

CARES Act

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Reporting as of 6/30/2020

What is the WSU CARES Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund?

The JDRCC CARES Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund is intended to assist students with urgent financial needs directly related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus. Needs may include food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and childcare. This is federal funding that has been made available under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act).

On Friday, March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, a \$2 trillion relief package, was signed into law. The CARES Act has provided funding to colleges, career center and universities to assist students during the global crisis. On May 13, 2020 John D. Rockefeller IV Career Center signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement committing intent to use no less than 50% of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. As a result, on May 28th 2020 JDRCC received \$7,570.00 to assist students to cover the cost of expenses incurred as a result of COVID-19.

JDRCC estimates we have a total of **25** Title IV Eligible students at the institution 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.

As of 6/30/20 11 Title IV Eligible students have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act of \$600.00 each.

Students will apply via our JDRCC CARES Application are reviewed on a first-come-first-served basis to determine eligibility. The application is used to document that the student has expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus.

Allowable expenses

- Food
- Housing
- Tuition/course supplies
- Child care
- Medical expenses

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

Under U.S. Department of Education rules for the program, these funds can be awarded to students who are eligible for federal financial aid. This includes undergraduate, graduate, and professional school students enrolled at WSU and pursuing degree programs.

The Title IV eligibility requirements are as follows

- Prior to COVID-19 not enrolled in distance education courses for the spring 2020 semester (i.e. No face -to-face classes). Be Currently enrolled for the spring 2020 semester as an undergraduate
- File a FAFSA for the current 2019-2020 academic year or be edible to fill out a FAFSA (Title IV Monies-Loans, Pells, Work Study)
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen
- Have a valid social security number
- If male, you must be registered for U.S. Selective Service
- You must have a high school diploma or GED or completion of high school in a approved homeschool setting
- You must be making Satisfactory Academic Progress
- Not be in default on a federal student loan

How much JDRCC CARES Act funding can I receive?

The JDRCC CARES Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund application is currently capped at \$600.00 in order to distribute the funds to as many students as possible. Depending on the volume of requests and level of need, JDRCC may award a lesser amount than requested. We appreciate students only asking for the amount needed so we can serve as many students as possible.

How are decisions being made?

Awards will be made on a first-come, first-served basis and preference will be given to students with documented need. Every effort will be made to have a decision within one to two business days; however, depending on volume of applications this timeframe may be extended. As our funding is limited, JDRCC cannot guarantee that all applications submitted will receive an award.

How soon will I know if I received funding? We will make every effort to have a decision within one to two days; however, depending on volume of applications this timeframe may be extended. After award approval, you can expect funding within three days if you are signed up for direct deposit, paper checks will be mailed within the week.

Applications were distributed to every student in class and then returned within two days to the fiancé director in person and was reviewed by the COVID-19 team for determination of awards.

Student Name: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Check all expenses that you have incurred:

_____ Education expenses/ Course Materials/ Technology

_____ Food/ Housing

_____ Healthcare/ Childcare

_____ Job loss/ Furlough

_____ Other. Please provide details _____

_____ I received Title IV money in May as part of my student financial aid package

I attest that all information is true and accurate, and I am requesting a one-time Emergency Financial Aid Grant to help cover the costs of expenses incurred due to the Coronavirus pandemic. I understand that I will be unable to revise this request after submitting it, and I understand that the administration at my school will determine my eligibility for grant monies based on my responses to the questions above.

Student Name: _____ Student ID: _____

Student Signature

Date