

CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Reporting Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

NC State University signed and returned the Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to the U.S. Department of Education on **April 13, 2020**. NC State University 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.

NC State University will receive \$8,947,941 from the Department of Education to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

30 Day Report

As of May 12, 2020, NC State University has distributed \$6,198,120 to provide CARES Act Emergency Grants to 3,435 students.

Eligible Students

NC State University uses the presence of a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine students who are eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965. Students must meet these conditions for consideration for CARES Act Emergency Grants. We estimate that 20,651 students meet these requirements for the 2019-20 academic year.

Application Method and Instruction to Students

Students received an [email](#) on April 30, 2020 notifying them of the availability of CARES Act Emergency Grant Funds. [Information](#) is available on the University's website and appears within the secure portal where students apply for consideration. CARES Act Emergency Grants are released directly to students for qualifying expenses such as food, housing, technology needs, childcare expenses, medical expenses and other expenses resulting from the campus disruption. Students request assistance by submitting an application in the Student Information System and indicate the category of their need, provide an explanation of their request and attest that their request is related to the campus disruption caused by COVID19. Staff review applications to confirm the request and the explanation are aligned. The total maximum grant per student will not exceed \$3,000. The maximum amount considered in each category is adjusted based on the student's career (undergraduate vs. graduate/professional) and Expected Family Contribution as determined by the FAFSA. Categories of food and housing are included in the cost of attendance. Maximum amounts in these categories is determined by multiplying the weekly amount from those cost of attendance categories for undergraduates by the number of weeks of campus disruption. Other categories are not necessarily included in the cost of attendance and as such, are evaluated by staff to determine if the requested amount will be approved in full or reduced.