

CARES Act Grant and FAQs

CARES Act Emergency Grant Application for Students

Through the support of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, San Diego City College is able to offer emergency financial aid grants to eligible students for specific expenses that are a direct result of the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19.

San Diego City College will be using a district-wide online application to develop a list of eligible students to receive funding from the allotted CARES Act funds. The application will be sent to students through their mySDCCD student portal the week of May 11th. The application link will also be available on our campus website and through social media as well.

If you are a San Diego City College student who meets FAFSA eligibility criteria and you have encountered economic hardships as a result of the disruption to campus operations due to COVID-19 pandemic, you can apply for an emergency grant of up to \$400. As funds are limited, submission of an application does not guarantee the issuance award.

Eligibility Requirements

You are eligible to receive the CARES Act funds if you meet the following requirements:

San Diego City College is your primary campus of attendance (i.e., campus of record)

- You are currently enrolled at San Diego City College for at least 6 units during Spring 2020
- You have completed a FAFSA for 2019-2020 at www.fafsa.gov , or,
- You are eligible to complete a FAFSA for 2019-2020
 - You have a valid Social Security Number
 - You have registered with selective service (males only)
 - You have a high school diploma, GED, or equivalent
 - You are a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
- You have met financial aid satisfactory academic progress standards
- You are not in default on a federal student loan and/or you do not owe money on a federal student grant

You are not eligible to receive the CARES Act funds if you are a/an:

- International Student
- Undocumented Student
- Non-matriculated student
- Student enrolled in distance-only degree programs

Qualified COVID-19 expenses include economic hardships related to:

- Food
- Housing
- Course materials
- Technology
- Health Care
- Childcare

About the Fund

- San Diego City College will provide eligible full-time students (12 units or more) with an emergency grant of \$400. Eligible part-time students (6 - 11.9 units) will received an emergency grant of \$300.
- Initial awards will distributed for the Spring 2020 term. If funds remain after the Spring disbursement, additional awards may be awarded for the Summer 2020 and Fall 2020 terms until all the CARES Act funds are exhausted.
- This award is not a loan and does not have to be paid back
- Funding from the CARES Act Grant will not impact the student's current financial aid package.
- CARES Act grants cannot be used to cover and satisfy a student's outstanding account balance. The student may use their emergency financial aid grant for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus including, hardships related to food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and childcare.

Deadline:

Students must apply for funds by Monday, May 25, 2020. Submission of an application does not guarantee the issuance of an award. To have the best opportunity to receive this funding, please apply soon.

Receiving the Award

Funds will be awarded by check and mailed to the student's current mailing address only. Please make sure your current MAILING address is correct in your mySDCCD student portal;

goto <https://myportal.sdccd.edu> to verify your current MAILING address on file. Applicants can check their eligibility for this CARES funds by logging into their student portal; click on Financial Aid tab.

For questions: Email the Financial Aid Office at cityaid@sdccd.edu .

CARES Act Emergency Grant Student FAQ

What is the CARES Act?

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act was passed by Congress and subsequently signed into law on March 27, 2020. The CARES Act was established to provide economic relief from the impacts of COVID-19. One section of the CARES ACT established a Higher Education Relief Fund to assist colleges with the impacts of COVID-19. One part of the Fund enables colleges to provide emergency grants directly to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due the pandemic. The emergency grant is not a loan and does not have to be paid back.

When will the CARES Act emergency grant funds be available at San Diego City College?

San Diego City College submitted an application to receive CARES Act funding in late April 2020. Working with the District, the College has developed a CARES Act Emergency Grant Application for eligible students. The application became available on May 12, 2020 and can be found at the following link:

<https://bit.ly/sdcccacaresact>

Students who are currently enrolled in 12 units or more (full-time) are eligible for a \$400 emergency grant, while student currently enrolled in 6 - 11.9 units (part-time) are eligible for a \$300 emergency grant.

The deadline to apply for Spring 2020 emergency grant funds is May 25, 2020.

Who is eligible to receive a San Diego City College CARES Act emergency grant?

Students must meet basic eligibility requirements to complete the FAFSA and have experienced an economic hardship in relation to the campus closure due to COVID-19. Requirements include:

San Diego City College is your primary campus of attendance (i.e., campus of record)
You are currently enrolled at San Diego City College in at least 6 units during Spring 2020
You have completed or are eligible to complete a FAFSA for 2019-2020

- You have a valid Social Security Number
- You have registered with Selective Services (males only)

- You have a high school diploma, GED or equivalent
- You are a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
- You have met financial aid satisfactory academic progress standards
- You are not in default on a federal student loan and/or you do not owe money on a federal student grant

Who is not eligible for receive a San Diego City College CARES Act emergency grant?

Unfortunately, federal guidelines prevent funds from being awarded to students who are considered international, undocumented, non-matriculated, or enrolled in distance-only degree programs. Additionally, eligible students must be attending San Diego City College as their campus of record (i.e., the location where they receive financial aid). Students who primarily attend SD Miramar or SD Mesa should submit an application to their respective campus of record.

What expenses can I use the CARES Acts emergency grant for?

CARES Acts Emergency Grants are intended for students who have faced an economic hardship as a result of the closure of campus related to COVID-19. You may use the emergency grant for expenses related to:

- Food
- Housing
- Course Materials
- Technology
- Health Care
- Childcare

How will San Diego City College Distribute the CARES Act emergency grant funds?

After a student applies for an emergency grant, the College will work quickly to verify the eligibility status of student applicants and then issue emergency grant awards in the form of a check that will be mailed to the student's address on file. Students are encouraged to make sure their address is up to date in their mySDCCD portal at <https://myportal.sdccd.edu/psp/IHPRD/?cmd=login>.

How do I apply for the CARES Act funds?

Information about how to apply for the San Diego City College CARES Act Emergency Grant was sent out on May 12, 2020. You may access the application through the following link:

<https://bit.ly/sdcccdaresact>

To receive consideration in the Spring 2020 term, San Diego City College has established a deadline of May 25, 2020. As funds are limited, eligible students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. The submission of an application does not guarantee the issuance of an award.

What funds are available for undocumented/international students?

Unfortunately, federal guidelines indicate that International, undocumented, and non-matriculated students are not eligible for CARES Act funds. San Diego City College is seeking to raise private funding to support students who are not eligible for CARES Act funds. More information about how to access these funds will be made available in the future.

Will there be the CARES Act funds be available for 2020-2021 academic year?

The federal CARES Act enables Colleges to expend their initial allocated funds over a one-year period. San Diego City College has prioritized the Spring 2020 as its first disbursement period. If there are funds remaining after this first disbursement, the College will continue distributing funds to eligible students for the Summer 2020 and Fall 2020 terms until all of the allocated funds are fully exhausted. It is unknown at this point whether there will be a new allocation of federal funds in the future.

THIS INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT THE FOLLOWING LINK ON OUR FINANCIAL AID WEBPAGES <https://www.sdccd.edu/students/consumer-information.aspx#sfa>