# CARES Act Grant and FAQs

# CARES Act Emergency Grant Application for Students Summer 2020

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 through the week of July 17th. 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 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 \$300. 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 during Summer 2020
- First-time Cares Applicants
- Includes any group previously excluded (DACA, Undocumented, international, those who did not meet title iV eligibility, etc)

Qualified COVID-19 expenses include economic hardships related to:

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

#### **About CARES Grant:**

San Diego City College will provide eligible students with an emergency grant of \$300.

Funding from the CARES Act Grant will not impact the student's current financial aid package.

This award is not a loan and does not have to be paid back.

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 Friday July 17, 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;

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

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