

## **Department of Education Required Disclosures for the Receipt and Use of CARES Act Funds**

- An acknowledgment that the school signed and returned the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution used—or intends to use—at least 50 percent of the Cares Act funds received for emergency grants to students.
  - College of the Siskiyous signed the Certification and Agreement on May 8, 2020. We will use 50% of the Cares Act funds received for emergency grants to students as required by the Certification and Agreement.
- The total amount of funds a school received—or will receive—from ED.
  - College of the Siskiyous received \$392,630
- The total amount of emergency grants distributed to students as of the posting/submission date.
  - College of the Siskiyous awarded 186 students a total of \$209,500 from our HEERF Grant fund as of October 10, 2020
- The estimated number of students eligible to participate in the emergency grant program (the number of Title IV eligible students under Section 484 of the Higher Education Act).
  - College of the Siskiyous has 2,496 FAFSAs on file for 2019-2020
- The total number of students who have received emergency grants under the CARES Act.
  - 186 applied and received grants
- The method(s) used to determine which students received the emergency grants and how much they received.
- Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided to students concerning the emergency grants.

For more information, visit:

[CARES Act Grant Application for College of the Siskiyous Students](#)

### **CARES Act Grant Process**

- Funding formula created to award based on greatest need, as determined by set criteria per federal guidelines
- Application created in order to award grants to only eligible students, as identify by federal regulations as identified by Federal Department of Education, pursuant to the HEA Code Section 484.
- Application will also serve as documentation to demonstrate compliance
- All applications are verified to ensure student eligibility in addition to self-certification. This ensures all applicants meet the eligibility criteria of HEA Section 484.
- Applications reviewed by grant award workgroup. Decisions regarding grant amount based on need per funding formula.
- Approved Applications are submitted to the Financial Aid Office and awarded to student accounts.
- The Business Office sends out weekly Cares Grant Payments via BankMobile.
- The Financial Aid staff will assist students who do not have a BankMobile account.

- Students may contact the Financial Aid office to set up refund preference with BankMobile.

## **College of the Siskiyous CARES Act Grant Application for Students**

**We know this is a challenging time for students and want to commend you for your continued resilience! We are here for you!**

Through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, College of the Siskiyous is able to offer financial assistance to students in need. The purpose of the funds is to award emergency financial aid grants to students for specific expenses that are a direct result of the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19.

College of the Siskiyous will be using an online application to assist us in determining eligible students to receive funding from the CARES Act funds allotted.

If you are a College of the Siskiyous student eligible for financial aid and/or eligible to complete a FAFSA and the COVID-19 pandemic has negatively impacted your personal financial situation, you can apply to receive a lump sum of up to \$2000.

If you have any questions, email: [financialaid@siskiyous.edu](mailto:financialaid@siskiyous.edu)

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

Students are evaluated in a three-tier process – same application criteria but in three levels.

- Priority 1 – Completed at least one class spring semester.
- Priority 2 – No longer enrolled due to significant disruption of program on campus. First review will be July 1, 2020
- Priority 3 – Withdrew before the end of spring semester. First review date will be August 1, 2020

College of the Siskiyous has your FAFSA on file or has determined you are eligible to complete a FAFSA

- You are currently enrolled in Spring 2020 classes
- You have completed a FAFSA for 2019-2020, 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 citizen or eligible non-citizen
- You are not in default on a Title IV federal student loan or owe a refund on a Title IV federal student grant or loan overpayment

If you have general questions regarding the FAFSA, financial aid staff are able to help. Just email us at [financialaid@siskiyous.edu](mailto:financialaid@siskiyous.edu) or call us at (530) 938-5209 and leave a voicemail. We will return your call.

**You are not eligible to receive funds if you are a/an:**

- International Student
- Undocumented Student
- Non-matriculated student
- Students enrolled in online-only degree programs (College of the Siskiyous does not have degree programs that are fully online)

Non-eligible students are encouraged to seek funding through College of the Siskiyous Foundation Emergency Relief funds by completing a request for emergency funds:

**Qualified COVID-19 Expenses include Hardships Related to:**

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

**About the Fund**

- The maximum amount a College of the Siskiyous student can receive for Spring 2020 is \$2,000
- Awards will be distributed until 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 a student's 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, loss of student employment and childcare.

**Receiving the Award**

- Students will receive a confirmation email once they submit.
- Funds will be awarded and refunded using your refund preference you selected with BankMobile. If you have not selected your refund preference you should do so now by emailing the financial aid office at [financialaid@siskiyous.edu](mailto:financialaid@siskiyous.edu)
- Accordingly, the following information must appear in a format and location that is easily accessible to the public 30 days after the date when the institution received its allocation under 18004(a)(1) and updated every 45 days thereafter:

1. An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used, or 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 the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the 30-day Report and every 45 days thereafter).
4. The estimated total number of 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.
5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
6. The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.