



CARES ACT Student Emergency Relief Funds



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What is CARES?

On April 9th, 2020, The United States Secretary of Education announced the implementation of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The allocated amount was determined based on student enrollment and a minimum of 50 percent must be reserved for student emergency grants to help cover expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus.

This act provides institutions with significant discretion on how to award the emergency assistance to students. The statutory requirement is that funds must be used to cover expenses related to the disruption of campus such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care.

Southwestern Illinois College Allocation	Minimum Amount for Student Emergency Funds
\$4,677,515.00	\$2,338,758.00

Eligible Student Population

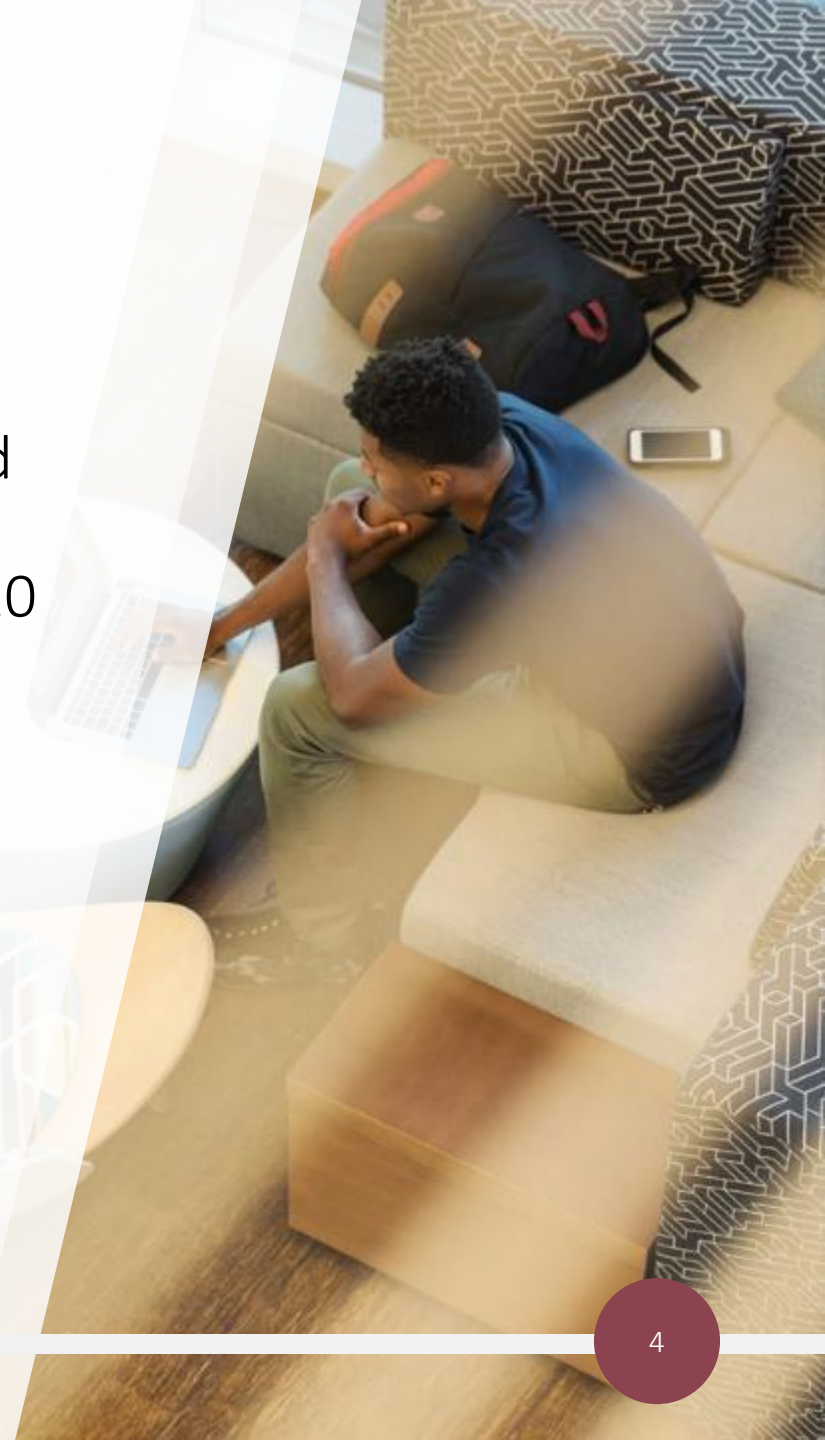


Our eligible student population was derived from our National Clearinghouse Enrollment report as of April 17, 2020.

Reason- Enrollment report following extended Spring Break



- Enrollment Requirement- enrolled in a minimum of 6 credit hours during Spring 2020 as of 4-17-2020
- Excluded populations:
 - Dual Credit
 - Adult Basic Ed
 - Running Start
 - Police Academy
 - Fire Science



Eligible Student Population



Total Eligible Student Population for Spring 2020	4,753
Full Time Enrollment	2,219
$\frac{3}{4}$ Time Enrollment	1,235
Half Time Enrollment	1,299

SWIC identified 3 eligible student groups for CARES Act Student Emergency Relief Funds

Student Group 1

Eligible student population who completed a 19-20 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Students self-identified need based on completion of FAFSA and were impacted by courses being transitioned to an alternative learning method due to campus closure.

Total Eligible Student Group 1	3,047 (Applied for FAFSA 19-20)
Full Time Enrollment	1,497
$\frac{3}{4}$ Time Enrollment	837
Half Time Enrollment	713

Student Group 2

Eligible student population that did not complete 19-20 FAFSA and must certify they had expenses related to disruption via student evaluation.

Student evaluation will be available for 2 weeks for student completion. Students will receive notification via their SWIC student email.

Total Eligible Student Group 2	1,706
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CARES Act Survey

CARES Act Survey

Under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Southwestern Illinois College has received funds to provide emergency grants to students with unforeseen emergency expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19. Eligible expenses include food, housing, course materials, technology, health care and childcare.

CARES Act Survey Section

1. I am a degree-seeking student enrolled in at least 6 credit hours in the Spring 2020 semester
 Yes
 No
2. I am eligible to apply for Title IV aid and I meet basic criteria to qualify for Federal aid (eligible to file a FAFSA)
 Yes
 No
3. I am in need of financial resources for Course Materials and Supplies as a result of the National COVID-19 pandemic and experienced additional expenses due to campus closure
 Yes
 No
4. I am in need of financial resources for Housing and Utilities as a result of the National COVID-19 pandemic and experienced additional expenses due to campus closure
 Yes
 No
5. I am in need of financial resources for Childcare as a result of the National COVID-19 pandemic and experienced additional expenses due to campus closure
 Yes
 No
6. I am in need of financial resources for Personal Expenses as a result of the National COVID-19 pandemic and experienced additional expenses due to campus closure
 Yes
 No
7. I am in need of financial resources for Transportation as a result of the National COVID-19 pandemic and experienced additional expenses due to campus closure
 Yes
 No
8. I am in need of financial resources for Other Expenses as a result of the National COVID-19 pandemic and experienced additional expenses due to campus closure
 Yes
 No

Finished With Survey



Student Group 3

The purpose of the remaining emergency fund is to provide immediate help to students facing obstacles to their educational experience due to COVID-19; an acute situation – not a chronic situation. Students in group 3 have the ability to request funds based on expenses related to the disruption of campus operations. Students in group 3 will complete an application to determine eligibility.

Application will be available to students on SWIC website and within the Financial Aid Office.

Minimum Amount for Student Emergency Funds	\$2,338,758.00
Total Spring 2020 Disbursement (85%)	\$1,993,202.00
Remaining Emergency Funds	\$345,556.00

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CARES Act Funding Application

CARES Act funding (CARES) is available to currently enrolled students who are in need of additional financial resources as a result of the national COVID-19 pandemic. CARES is specifically a federal grant that can be used to cover expenses, so you can focus on your education and meet your academic goals. You will not be asked to pay the funds back. Please submit this application to fin_aid@swic.edu.

Name:

Student ID: Phone:

Amount Requested:

\$250 \$500 \$750 \$1,000

Please check items listed below where you have financial need that may affect your educational goals:

- Course Materials & Supplies Housing & Utilities Childcare
 Personal Expenses Transportation
 Other:

Provide a brief statement about your financial hardship due to the current Coronavirus pandemic.
Example: No longer able to use campus computer labs, will need computer software.

Student Certification

By signing this application, I certify that I meet all eligible criteria for CARES Act funding, to include the eligibility to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
Original signature required. No electronic signature of any form will be accepted.

Student Signature: Date:

Office Use Only

- APPROVED AWARDED \$ _____ DATE: _____
 DENIED INITIALS: _____



Flat Rate Determination

The CARES Act prioritizes funding streaming in order to get the money in the hands of students as quickly as possible. Based on this, Southwestern Illinois College has allocated 85 percent of its allocation to be distributed to students enrolled Spring 2020.

Based on the recommendation of the Secretary of Education, Southwestern Illinois College utilized the 2019-2020 Cost of Attendance to determine the flat rate amount based on a student's enrollment status.

Spring 19-20 Cost of Attendance Variables- based on Full-Time Enrollment
Books/Supplies \$839.00
Personal Expenses \$1,049.00
$\$1,888 / 5 \text{ months} = \377.60 $\$377.60 \times 1.5 \text{ months (partial March, April)} = \566.40

Flat Rate Determination

Flat Rate by Enrollment Status for Student Group 1 and 2*			
Full Time Enrollment	2,219	\$525.00	\$1,164,975.00
¾ Time Enrollment	1,235	\$394.00	\$486,590.00
Half Time Enrollment	1,299	\$263.00	\$341,637.00
Total Spring 2020 Disbursement			\$1,993,202.00
*Student Group 2 figures may vary based on student responses to self-certification evaluation			

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Student Notification- Group 1

Dear SWIC Student,

Southwestern Illinois College has been allotted Federal Emergency Stimulus Funding from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. You have qualified for the Emergency funding based on your Spring 2020 Enrollment Status (full, three-quarter, or half time). This is a one-time award and funds are being distributed via check to your mailing address on file. SWIC recognizes the potential hardship caused by COVID-19 and these funds will not impact your financial aid. This funding never has to be paid back and is to help you during these challenging times. By accepting this funding, you understand it must be used to cover expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to Coronavirus. Eligible expenses include food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care.

For more information regarding the CARES Act please visit [CARES Act FAQ](#). If you have additional questions please e-mail CARESact@swic.edu.

We look forward to seeing you back on campus as you continue your educational goals at SWIC.



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Student Notification- Group 2

Dear SWIC Student,

Southwestern Illinois College has been allotted Federal Emergency Stimulus Funding from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. You may qualify for the Emergency funding based on your Spring 2020 Enrollment Status (full, three-quarter, or half time). SWIC recognizes the potential hardship caused by COVID-19. This funding never has to be paid back and is to help you during these challenging times. To submit your information for funding consideration, please complete the CARES Act Student Evaluation located in your eSTORM under the “Evals and Surveys” section within the next two weeks.

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