

Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act: Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF) Forty-Five Day Report  
August 15, 2020

Surry Community College (College) signed and returned to the Department of Education (Department) the College's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CARES Act on April 17, 2020. The agreement assures that the College 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.

SCC was funded \$716,625 from the Department pursuant to the College's Certification of Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

As of the date of this report, the College distributed \$319,791.00 to students. The total number of students who received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is 469.

SCC utilizes the Federal CARES Act Distribution Guidelines (Exhibit 1) to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants, including how much a student would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

Students who wish to be considered for funding must submit the CARES Act Funds Request located in the Self Service portal (Exhibit 2).

## **EXHIBIT 1**

### **FEDERAL CARES ACT DISTRIBUTION GUIDELINES**

#### **Eligibility Criteria:**

- A curriculum (CU) student must have been enrolled (as a regular student) in at least one curriculum class as March 1, 2020 for the spring 2020 semester. Students who were solely taking online classes on March 13<sup>th</sup> are not eligible.
- A curriculum (CU) student must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and be deemed TIV eligible as defined by Sec. 484 of the HEA by satisfying the following criteria:
  - Be a U.S. citizen or national, permanent resident, or other eligible noncitizen;
  - Have Selective Service registration verified;
  - Have Social Security Number verified;
  - Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment (as a regular student) in a degree or certificate program;
  - Maintaining satisfactory academic progress;

- Have completed the verification process as selected by the Department of Education;
- Not owe an overpayment on Title IV grants or loans;
- Not be in default on a Title IV loan;
- Have returned fraudulently obtained Title IV funds if convicted of or pled guilty or no contest to charges;
- Not have fraudulently received Title IV loans in excess of annual or aggregate limits;
- Have repaid Title IV loan amounts in excess of annual or aggregate limits if obtained inadvertently;
- Not have a federal or state conviction for drug possession or sale, with certain time limitations.

Eligibility for students receiving funds prior to June 30, 2020 is based on the 19-20 FAFSA. Eligibility for students receiving funds after June 30, 2020 is based on the 20-21 FAFSA.

### **Disbursement of CARES Act Funds:**

Students may apply for funding by submitting the appropriate FAFSA, if they have not already done so, and complete a short online application stating that s/he was affected by the campus disruption due to the coronavirus outbreak. Full-time amounts awarded would be based on a student's estimated family contribution figure (EFC):

- Students with a 0 EFC (greatest financial need):
  - Full-time \$1000
  - Three-quarter time \$750
  - Half-time \$500
  - Less-than-half-time \$250
- Students with 1 – 5576 EFC (Pell eligible range):
  - Full-time \$750
  - Three-quarter time \$562
  - Half-time \$375
  - Less-than-half-time \$187
- Students with 5577 or higher EFC:
  - Full-time \$500
  - Three quarter time \$375
  - Half-time \$250
  - Less-than-half-time \$125

Aid will be prorated based on enrollment as of March 1, 2020.

Students who receive funding are not required to record or track how it is spent. SCC, however, will be required to report:

- How funds were distributed to students;
- The amount of each grant awarded to each student;

- How the amount of each grant was calculated; and
- Any instructions or directions given to students about the grants.

The first report must be submitted within 30 days of signing the certification form, and every 45 days thereafter. ED has not yet released details on the method of reporting.

## **EXHIBIT 2**



Serving Surry and Yadkin Counties

## Request for CARES Act Funds

Student ID

Name

By submitting this application I attest to having incurred expenses related to the disruption of Surry Community College's campus operations due to Covid-19 in at least one of the following manners: expenses resulting from moving to remote instruction and the closing of campus buildings/services; course materials; school/office supplies; computer or software-related; other technology access; tutoring, testing or proctoring costs; health care; child care; food expense due to lack of access to Food Pantry.

Furthermore, I certify that I am requesting consideration for CARES Act funding and that I meet the necessary eligibility requirements including, but not limited to,:

- A curriculum (CU) student must have been enrolled (as a regular student) in at least one curriculum class as March 1, 2020 for the Spring 2020 semester.
  - \* Students who were solely taking online classes on March 13th are *not* eligible.
- A curriculum (CU) student must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and be deemed TM eligible as defined by Sec. 484 of the HEA by satisfying the following criteria:
  - Be a U.S. citizen or national, permanent resident, or other eligible noncitizen;
  - Have Selective Service registration verified (if applicable);
  - Have Social Security Number verified;
  - Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment (as a regular student) in a degree or certificate program;
  - Maintaining satisfactory academic progress;
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### Student Authorization

I authorize Surry Community College to process the above information. By clicking **Submit**, this form is validated by my electronic signature.