

Wilson Community College  
Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act  
Federal Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Report  
Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students  
January 8, 2021

1. Wilson Community College (WCC) acknowledges the College's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students through the CARES Act was signed and returned to the Department of Education. The College has used more than 50 percent of the funds received to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
2. WCC received a total of \$718,656 through Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund, with a minimum allocation of \$359,328 to be awarded for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students, in accordance with the College's Certification of Agreement.
3. As of the date of this report, the College has awarded \$464,300 in emergency grants to students.
4. The total number eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 who could qualify to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, was estimated to be 431 students.
5. As of the date of this report, a total of 197 students have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
6. The method(s) used by the College to determine which students received Emergency Financial Aid Grants, and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, are described in Attachment A.
7. The College provided instructions, directions, and guidance to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants by e-mail and on the WCC website CARES Act Information page at: <https://www.wilsoncc.edu/covid-19-cares-act-emergency-grant-information/>.
  - Students who were eligible for consideration to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act were notified by e-mail with a request to complete an online application – Attachment B.
  - Students who were awarded an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act were notified by e-mail – Attachment C.

**Attachment A** – The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

Of the applications submitted through 8/4/2020 in response to WCC’s email and webpage solicitations WCC excluded students who:

- had not completed a 2019-20 FAFSA
- were not eligible US citizens or eligible non-citizens
- lacked a high school diploma or equivalent
- were males not registered for Selective Service
- lacked a valid Social Security number
- were coded as enrolled in an online program

Of the students remaining, each received a \$1,500 base; \$600 additional if they were parents or guardians of dependent children; \$400 additional if disruptions caused by COVID-19 delayed their education; and \$400 additional if they were enrolled half-time or more:

| <b>Number of Students</b> | <b>Funds Received</b> | <b>Total Amounts</b> |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 2                         | \$1,500               | \$3,000              |
| 53                        | \$1,900               | \$100,700            |
| 1                         | \$2,100               | \$2,100              |
| 32                        | \$2,300               | \$73,600             |
| 78                        | \$2,500               | \$195,000            |
| 31                        | \$2,900               | \$89,900             |
| <b>197</b>                |                       | <b>\$464,300</b>     |



**Attachment B** – E-mail message sent to eligible students by the Director of Financial Aid on 5/1/2020:

The federal CARES Act provides money for colleges to offer financial assistance to eligible students. The purpose of the funding is to provide emergency financial aid grants for student expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus COVID-19.

While we want to provide as much assistance as possible for all students, funds are limited and must be awarded in accordance with federal guidelines. Full consideration will be given to all applicants, but the College cannot guarantee that all applications will be eligible for funding.

The CARES Act application and additional information about eligibility requirements are accessible on the College's COVID-19 Resources page <https://www.wilsoncc.edu/covid-19/>. The application can be completed and submitted electronically to Candace Brewer at [cbrewer@wilsoncc.edu](mailto:cbrewer@wilsoncc.edu).

Sincerely,

Lisa Baker

Financial Aid Director



**Attachment C** – E-mail message sent to emergency grant recipients by the Director of Financial Aid on 5/21/2020:

Congratulations! You have been awarded the CARES Emergency Grant. Based on your CARES grant application you have had a qualifying expense related to the disruption of campus operations due to Covid19. In order for us to request and disburse funds to you, we need you to log into Self Service & accept the award by May 25th. If you have any issues accepting the award, please email Candace Brewer at [cbrewer@wilsoncc.edu](mailto:cbrewer@wilsoncc.edu).

Please accept your award by ASAP to ensure your check will be processed in a timely manner.

Please note by accepting this award you are certifying that everything reported on your CARES Emergency Grant was correct & that you meet the criteria of this award.