

Eastern Arizona College Emergency CARES ACT Section 18004(e) Forty-Five Day Report to the Secretary of Education, August 7, 2020

Acknowledgement of signed agreement.

Eastern Arizona College (EAC) President Todd Haynie signed the “Recipient’s Funding Certification and Agreement, Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act” on April 9, 2020. The agreement requires EAC to act in the nature of a fiduciary with respect to awarding CARES Act emergency grant aid to eligible students and with respect to reporting and audit requirements.

Total amount of funds that the institution has received for Emergency Financial Aid Grants for students.

EAC received \$1,111,136 from the U.S. Department of Education for the purpose of making Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

Total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students.

The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students is \$274,200.

The estimated total number of Eastern Arizona College students eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

EAC’s Institutional Research Department estimates that there are approximately 1,410 students who may be eligible to apply for an Emergency Financial Aid grant.

Total number of Eastern Arizona College students who have received Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section 18004(a) (1) of the CARES Act.

As of August 6, 2020, three hundred and eighty-two students have received emergency financial aid grants.

The method(s) used by Eastern Arizona College to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

Grant awards will be made as follows.

EAC will identify groups of eligible students and automatically disburse CARES Act grants in three different waves.

1. The first wave of grants will be awarded in the amount of \$1000 to students who have filed a FAFSA and who have been awarded a Pell grant.
2. The second wave of grants will be awarded to students with an estimated family contribution between \$5,712 and \$9,000 (the cutoff range for Pell eligibility). This will encompass income ranges of approximately \$60,000 to \$128,000 per year.
3. The third wave of grants will be awarded to Pell eligible students until funds are depleted.

In compliance with guidelines of the Cares Act, funds awarded will not be applied to any balances owed to the college. Students who wish to resolve a balance should contact the Fiscal Control Office at (928) 428-8221.

For questions about this emergency aid grant, please contact the Financial Aid Office at finaid@eac.edu or (928) 428-8287.

All instructions, directions, or guidance provided by Eastern Arizona College to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

Only students who are or could be eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, may receive the emergency financial aid grants. If a student has filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2019-2020 or the 2020-2021 Academic Year, and the student has demonstrated eligibility to participate in Section 484 programs, they are eligible for emergency grants. Section 484 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, requires the following to be eligible. A student must: (1) Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment in a degree, certificate, or other program leading to a recognized educational credential; (2) Maintain satisfactory progress in the course of study; (3) Not owe a refund on grants previously received under Title IV Federal Student Aid; (4) Have filed a FAFSA; (5) Be a U.S. Citizen or national of the United States, a permanent resident of the United States, or able to provide evidence from the Immigration and Naturalization Service that s/he is in the United States for other than a temporary purpose with the intention of becoming a citizen or permanent resident; and (6) If the student has been convicted of or has pled nolo contendere or guilty to a crime involving fraud in obtaining funds under Title IV Federal Financial Aid, the student must have completed the repayment of such funds and be able to provide appropriate documentation.

*Students enrolled **exclusively** in an online program prior to March 13, 2020 are **NOT** eligible for emergency financial aid grants.*

The grant funds provided by this program are designated for eligible students enrolled at EAC as of March 13, 2020 or thereafter. This funding is intended to provide money to eligible students as a result of the disruption from coronavirus to be used for food, housing, course materials, technology, healthcare, and childcare expenses.

Students enrolled in prison education, dual enrollment, and personal interest courses are not eligible for this emergency grant.