

## Eastern Arizona College Emergency CARES ACT Section 18004(e) Thirty Day Report to the Secretary of Education, May 9, 2020 (Award Number P425E200614)

### 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” agreement 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 has 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.

As of May 9, 2020, EAC has not made any Emergency Financial Aid Grant distributions to students. However, EAC is mailing the CARES Act grant announcement and application to students who may be eligible to apply.

### 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 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 May 9, 2020, no grant applications have been received and no students have been awarded 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.

Emergency Financial Aid Grants will be made to students through an application process. All potentially **eligible** students will be notified by via Monster Mail, first class mail, texting, and/or EAC’s website concerning how to apply. An electronic application may be made available using student Monster Mail accounts.

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 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 he or she 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, must have completed the repayment of such funds and be able to provide appropriate documentation.

Students who have not filed a FAFSA for the 2019-2020 award year are encouraged to do so in order to demonstrate potential eligibility for CARES ACT funding. Students DO NOT have to demonstrate financial need but must meet Title IV eligibility requirements.

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. This funding is intended to provide funds to eligible students as a result of the disruption from coronavirus and the funds are intended 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.

The financial aid office will review applications to determine student eligibility. All eligible students will receive a \$600 grant.

**Notice: In compliance with guidelines of the Cares Act, the funds students may qualify to receive will not be applied to any outstanding balances they owe the college. Students who wish to resolve a balance should contact the fiscal office at 928-428-8221.**

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

As of April 9, 2020, the following instructions to students were posted on EAC's website ([www.eac.edu](http://www.eac.edu)):

EAC is committed to helping students navigate the changing landscape that has occurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**EAC will make grant funds available under the Emergency Financial Aid Grant Program that was approved as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.** Emergency grant funds will be awarded to Title IV eligible students who have incurred expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the Coronavirus, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, healthcare, and childcare. EAC determines Title IV eligibility with the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). If you are interested in applying for this funding and have not completed a 2019-2020 FAFSA, please do so as soon as possible.

When EAC receives additional guidelines on eligibility and awarding, an application will be available on this website for students to document incurred expenses and apply for funding.