

## Eastern Arizona College Emergency CARES ACT Section 18004(e) Forty-Five Day Report to the Secretary of Education, June 23, 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.

The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students is \$142,200.

### 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 there are 1,410 students who may be eligible 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.

Two hundred and thirty-seven students have received \$600 Emergency Financial Aid Grants. Another 85 applications are at various stages of processing.

### 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.

EAC will make Emergency Financial Aid Grants 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 application can be downloaded from EAC’s website and submitted to the Financial Aid Department using student Monster Mail accounts.

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

## Instructions to Students Posted on EAC's Website between April 9<sup>th</sup> and May 9, 2020

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 students meet the following criteria 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.**

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.

[Instructions to Students Posted on EAC's Website between May 9, 2020 and June 23, 2020](#)

### **EAC offers students COVID-19 Emergency Aid Grant**

Eastern Arizona College has announced the establishment of the COVID-19 Emergency Aid Grant to help students who are financially impacted as result of the global pandemic. This grant pertains to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) that was signed into law on March 27, 2020, and includes grants for college and university students across the nation.

“We understand that many students are trying to navigate the challenges caused by the coronavirus pandemic,” stated Todd Haynie, president of Eastern Arizona College. “This funding is intended to help students weather the storm and continue pursuing their academic goals.”

EAC's Financial Aid Department will review applications to determine eligibility and award grants in the amount of \$600 to qualifying students.

To be eligible, the grant applicant must meet all of the following requirements:

- [Submit application](#) to EAC Financial Aid through your Gila Hank account.
  - Demonstrate eligibility to participate in Section 484 programs.
  - Affirm the funds shall be used for the intended purposes of food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child-care.
  - Be enrolled at Eastern Arizona College on March 13, 2020. Students enrolled exclusively in an online program prior to March 13, 2020, are not eligible for emergency financial aid grants. Students enrolled in prison education, dual enrollment, and personal interest courses are not eligible for this emergency grant.
  - Complete the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#). Students can continue to apply for the 2019-2020 FAFSA through June 30, 2020. The school code is 001073.
- EAC students who meet eligibility will be notified and receive funds by direct deposit or by check which will be mailed to their homes. Funds will be distributed, generally, within 14 college business days of receipt of a completed application by an eligible student.
- 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](mailto:finaid@eac.edu) or (928) 428-8287.

**Enroll Today in EAC Summer Classes:** More online classes to choose from. Classes begin on June 1. Financial Aid is available for students who qualify. Call EAC's Financial Aid Office at (928) 428-8287 for details. Register by calling EAC's Records and Registration Office at (928) 428-8270, or online at [www.eac.edu](http://www.eac.edu).

## Student Grant Application

Students can access the Emergency Financial Aid Grant to Students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act grant application at <https://www.eac.edu/safety/CARES/caresapp.pdf>