



## CARES Act

### Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Reporting

#### Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

Updated: August 20, 2020

1. Jamestown Community College signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education the HEERF to Students Certification and Agreement on April 14, 2020. The allocation was available on April 25<sup>th</sup>. The institution has used and intends to use no less than 50% of the CARES Act Funding received to provide emergency financial aid grants to students.
2. The total amount of funds JCC has received for emergency grants to students is \$1,153,499.
3. The total amount distributed to students as of the date of this report is \$720,562.
4. The total number of student enrolled at JCC in the spring semester 2020 and eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 of the Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 is 1,645.
5. The total number of students who have received an emergency financial aid grant as of the date of this report is 1,064.
6. The method used by JCC for determining which students receive emergency financial aid grants and how much they receive is as follows:
  - a. As the COVID-19 pandemic evolved during the spring 2020 semester, Jamestown Community College suspended in-person classes on March 13<sup>th</sup> for the safety, health, and well-being of the community. All residential undergraduate students were asked to move out of campus housing by Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.
  - b. Jamestown Community College received an allocation of \$2,306,997 through the CARES Act HEERF. Fifty percent (\$1,153,499) of the allocation must be awarded for the sole and exclusive purpose of providing emergency financial aid grants to students for their expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child-care expenses. In accordance with the CARES Act certification and agreement, Jamestown Community College will promptly provide emergency financial aid to students for their expenses.



### **How will award eligibility be determined?**

- a. Students must be matriculated in an eligible academic program as of March 13, 2020, which include all academic programs, except those that are offered exclusively online;
- b. Students must be enrolled at Jamestown Community College on or after March 13, 2020. Students who withdrew prior to March 13<sup>th</sup> are not eligible;
- c. Students must be eligible for federal Title IV financial aid in 2019-2020, as evidenced by the FAFSA on file at Jamestown Community College for the 2019-2020 academic year. Students who have not filed a FAFSA will be encouraged to do so;
- d. Students must be maintaining satisfactory academic program (SAP);
- e. Students must certify, via electronic format that they have already incurred, or will incur, allowable expenses that are related to the disruption of campus operation due to coronavirus, and attest that they spent, or will spend, the amount of the grant on allowable expenses.

### **How will the award amounts be calculated?**

- a. For those students that file the FAFSA and are determined to be in Federal Pell range (EFC  $\leq$  \$5,576) will receive an amount equal to \$725;
- b. For those students that file the FAFSA and are determined to be outside of Federal Pell range (EFC  $\geq$  \$5,576) will receive \$400

### **How will the funds be disbursed to students?**

JCC will be awarding a Base Emergency Grant for allowable expenses that students have already incurred, or will incur, that are related to the disruption of campus operations (see above for award amounts and method).

To receive the funds, students must complete and return the Certification and Attestation for CARES Base Emergency Grant form. Students are highly encouraged to sign up for direct deposit, however paper checks will be mailed. The disbursement of these funds will remain unencumbered by the institution; debts, charges, fees, or other amounts owed to the institution will not be deducted from the emergency financial aid grant.