

CARES ACT: COMPLIANCE STATEMENT: KELLOGG COMMUNITY COLLEGE

This statement provides information to comply with reporting requirements for Kellogg Community College's participation in the CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund.

- I. On April 15, 2020 Kellogg Community College (KCC) signed and returned to the US Department of Education the Certification and Agreement to receive funds under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act for Students. On April 27, KCC received notification that funding was approved and available to be distributed to students. KCC intends to use no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants directly to students.
 - a. On April 23, 2020 KCC signed and returned to the US Department of Education the Certification and Agreement for the Institutional Portion of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund. On May 6, KCC received notification that funding was approved in the amount of \$995,711 for this grant application.
 - b. KCC understands that it may, but is not required to, use funds designated to address institutional costs to provide additional emergency financial aid grants to students for expenses related to COVID-19 related disruption of campus operations.
 - c. At this time, KCC is still determining how the Institutional CARES Act funds will be utilized.
- II. The total amount of funds KCC has received from the US Department of Education pursuant to the Institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students is \$995,711. 100% of this amount will be distributed directly to students pursuant to the regulations outlined by the US Department of Education under the CARES Act grant.
- III. As of Tuesday, July 7, 2020 KCC has distributed \$630,050 under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
- IV. The estimated total number of students at KCC eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act for the 2020 Spring semester is 2,861.
- V. The total number of unduplicated students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of July 7, 2020 is 1,996.
- VI. On March 18, 2020 Kellogg Community College elected to suspend all on campus courses and activities in compliance with the Governor's Executive Order 2020-11 which limited the number

of individuals allowed in a public space to 50 or less. This abrupt closure and resulting change in instructional methodology from a face to face model to a required online only model caused undue hardship on all students electing to continue their studies and finish the 2020 Spring semester. On March 23, KCC transitioned all eligible courses to an online format for those students wishing to complete their required coursework. Any student meeting the US Department of Education’s published eligibility requirements as of March 23, 2020 is identified as eligible to receive funding under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act Emergency Grant program. Noting that the US Department of Education placed an emphasis on disbursing funds to higher need students, KCC has elected to provide additional grant assistance to those students with a demonstrated Pell eligibility. The College is awarding and disbursing CARES Act funding in the following three ways:

- a. Any student that is actively enrolled as of March 23, 2020, that continues to meet the US Department of Education’s published eligibility requirements and has demonstrated eligibility to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 will automatically be eligible to receive an emergency grant. Grant amounts will be subject to the terms outlined in the table below.
- b. Students who are actively enrolled as of March 23, 2020 who have not met the initial demonstrated eligibility to participate in Title IV programs but do meet the US Department of Education’s published eligibility requirements to receive funding under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act will be given the opportunity to submit a self-certification document to assess eligibility. Grant amounts will be subject to the terms outlined in the table below.
- c. Students who did not meet the eligibility requirements under the above categories or those who feel they have additional unmet financial burdens directly related to the disruption of campus operations related to the Coronavirus pandemic will be given the opportunity to submit an application for additional emergency grant funds. Grant amounts will be subject to review of adequate supporting documentation and approved as funds remain available.

Funding Distribution Table for Spring 2020:

ENROLLED CREDIT HOURS AS OF 3/23/2020	12 OR MORE	11.999 – 9	8.999 – 6	LESS THAN 6
Title IV Eligible Recipients with Pell	\$ 500.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 125.00
Title IV Eligible Recipients without Pell	\$ 400.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00
Self-Certified Title IV Eligible Recipients	\$ 400.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00

Distributed amounts per categories outlined above for Spring 2020:

DISTRIBUTION CATEGORY	STUDENTS	AMOUNT
(a) Automatic Grants – Title IV recipient	1950	\$ 615,975.00
(b) Self-Certification – Title IV eligible	46	\$ 11,400.00
(c) Hardship Grant applications	2	\$ 2,675.26

- VII. KCC has published a public webpage <http://www.kellogg.edu/about/coronavirus/cares-act> providing a basic outline of the Federal program, specific eligibility criteria for KCC students, how the College is disbursing funds and a FAQ section with instructions and additional guidance. Media announcements and social media posts were developed directing students to this site. Email notifications with links to this page are sent to all eligible recipients informing them of their automatic award as funds are released. Email notifications were sent May 29 and June 17 to all students identified to participate in the self-certification process with links to this site as well as instructions for accessing the application forms within the College's online portal.
- VIII. Eligibility for funding for the Spring 2020 semester ended July 1, 2020. KCC is currently working on identifying and disbursing grants to students impacted by the disruption of campus operations and change in learning delivery method as directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic for the Summer 2020 semester.

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