

## SPRING 2020

# CARES Act: Emergency Funds for Eligible Students

## Who is eligible?

In order to be eligible to be considered to receive funds, KCC students:

- Must have been a degree or certificate seeking student enrolled in the Spring 2020 semester
- Must be eligible to receive Title IV aid
- Must have submitted a 2019-2020 FAFSA or be eligible to submit a 2019-20 FAFSA
- Must currently be meeting satisfactory academic progress (SAP) requirements for financial aid as of March 23, 2020, the date KCC converted all eligible courses to online only format
- Must have been enrolled in at least one originally scheduled face to face course as of March 23, 2020
- Must not have been enrolled in a fully online program as of March 13, 2020
- Have incurred financial need or hardship due to COVID-19 related campus disruption

In accordance with Department of Education guidelines, KCC will distribute CARES Act emergency grant funding for eligible students in three ways:

- Direct awards of up to \$500 will be disbursed to students meeting the eligibility criteria outlined above. Awards are pro-rated based upon the student's enrollment level as of March 23, 2020. Students in this group do not need to request or apply for these funds. Notifications of awards will be sent to students via their KCC email account beginning the week of May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Limited CARES Act funds have been set aside for eligible students enrolled in Spring 2020 who have not filed a FAFSA form to access through a self-certification process. Students in this group must be eligible to file a FAFSA to be considered for funding. Notifications of eligibility will be sent to students via their KCC email account the week of May 29 with instructions on how to access and submit the self-certification application within the Bruin Portal. Students in this category will be eligible to receive up to \$400. Awards will be pro-rated based upon the student's enrollment level as of March 23, 2020. Applications must be submitted by July 1 to be considered.
- KCC will make available a Hardship Grant application through the Bruin Portal in early June for students who experienced COVID-19 campus-disruption related expenses that were not met through the two options above. Funding will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis and available until our remaining grant funds are exhausted. Applications will be open to all students meeting the eligibility criteria and must be submitted by July 1. Factors such as job loss, childcare or medical expenses, housing or food insecurity, an inability to pay for educational supplies, technology, or expenses will be considered.
- All grant funds will be processed through student accounts and will transferred via direct deposit or, if the student does not have banking information on file, via paper check and mailed to the student.