

CARES Act: Emergency Funds for Eligible Students

About the CARES Act

Under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Kellogg Community College has received approximately \$1 Million in funds to provide emergency grants to students with unforeseen emergency expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19. Eligible expenses include food, housing, course materials, technology, health care and child care.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Must be 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
- Currently meeting satisfactory academic progress (SAP) requirements for financial aid as of March 23, 2020 (the date KCC converted all eligible courses to online only)
- 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

CARES Act FAQ's:

Are dual enrolled or middle college students eligible for this funding?

No. Only students eligible for federal financial aid may receive CARES Act funds. In order to be eligible for federal financial aid, a student must have earned a high school diploma, GED, or other recognized equivalent.

Are international students eligible for this funding?

Based on current U.S. Department of Education guidance, recipients must be U.S. citizens or eligible non-citizens to receive CARES Act funds.

I did not complete the 2019-20 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Can I still qualify for this funding?

Yes. A student only needs to be eligible to file a FAFSA in order to qualify for this 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 that replaces the FAFSA filing requirement. Applications must be submitted by July 1 to be considered for funding.

If the grant amount received did not meet the expenses I incurred, can I apply for additional funds?

Yes. A Hardship Grant application will be released in early June and open to all students meeting the eligibility requirements outlined above. If you previously received funding from the College under the CARES Act by automatic grant or self-certification, you may still submit the hardship application to potentially qualify for additional monies. Funding will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis and available until our remaining grant funds are exhausted. Applications must be submitted by July 1 to be considered.

If I have expenses related to Summer 2020 or Fall 2020 semesters, can I apply for CARES Act grant funds?

The U.S. Department of Education has placed the funding priority on the Spring 2020 semester. If funds remain under our CARES Act allocation after the three disbursement methods outlined above have been met, KCC will release a grant application form at the beginning of July for the Summer 2020 and possibly Fall 2020 students. There is no guaranty that funding will remain available for future semesters. Additional guidance will be provided as we move closer to July.

How and when will I receive the funds?

The CARES Act grants will be processed by the Financial Aid office. KCC will disburse the funds weekly beginning no later than May 22nd.

Grant amounts will be direct deposited into bank accounts of students who are enrolled in direct deposit. Students without direct deposit will receive a refund check in the mail.

Direct deposit can be set up by logging in to the Bruin Portal, selecting Banking Information from the menu screen and clicking Add an Account.

Southern Michigan Bank & Trust has agreed to cash checks fee free for KCC students with a valid government issued id who do not have access to bank accounts.

Do I need to apply for loans or other aid?

No

What if I owe KCC for tuition or other expenses?

The funds will pass through the student account, but the full amount of the CARES Act grants will be given directly to the student and will not pay outstanding balances owed to the College. These funds cannot be used toward any outstanding balances. Any outstanding balance owed will remain the responsibility of the student.

How can I use the funds?

Students may use these funds for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic – specifically food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and childcare.

Who do I contact with questions?

Questions can be emailed to the Business Office at busoffice@kellogg.edu or the Financial Aid Office at finaid@kellogg.edu for assistance.

What other resources are available?

If you need help with resources for food, housing, and/or financial assistance, please consider reaching out to the KCC Foundation at <http://www.kellogg.edu/about/foundation/> for more information. Limited resources are available through the Beyond Tuition grant program.