

Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible for CARES Act Grant Funds?

Eligible students meet the following criteria:

- Enrolled in on-campus classes as of March 13 and affected by the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19
- Eligible for Federal Financial Aid and have a valid FAFSA on file
 - Valid social security number
 - U.S. Citizen or eligible non-citizen
 - Selective Service registration
 - A high school diploma, GED, or eligible home school completion
 - Seeking a HutchCC degree or eligible certificate
 - Meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress standards
 - Not be in student aid default, overpayment or over award status
 - Not have a federal or state conviction for drug possession or sale while receiving Federal Financial Aid, with certain time limitations
 - Have a valid signature on FAFSA, to serve as a signed statement of educational purpose
 - Must be meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress at the end of spring 2020 semester.
- Enrollment Requirements - Students must be enrolled in a face-to-face-class
 - Current Spring 2020 enrollment on campus
 - OR
 - Spring 2020 enrollment with withdrawal after March 13th and a continuing student enrolled for Summer 2020 or Fall 2020 on campus
 - OR
 - Summer 2020 student enrolled in on campus class modality

How are we disbursing funds?

Students actively enrolled in the spring 2020 semester as of May 11 have been identified as students eligible for a direct disbursement of Hutchinson Community College CARES Emergency Student Aid. Students in this category do not need to submit an application nor provide additional information to receive these funds. A check will be mailed by USPS to your address of record.

If you received a direct distribution of CARES Emergency Student Aid, but did not incur expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19, you may return your CARES funds to Hutchinson Community College, Attn. Accounts Receivable, 1300 N Plum, Hutchinson, KS 67501.

How do students apply for CARES Funds?

Students receiving a direct disbursement do not need to complete an application nor submit any other paperwork.

Students who did not receive a direct disbursement, who had expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19, may complete an application to apply for Hutchinson Community College CARES Emergency Student Aid Fund.

What expenses qualify for CARES?

The U.S. Department of Education specifies that CARES emergency student aid funds are for expenses related to the disruption of campus classes due to COVID-19. Examples of eligible expenses include:

- Technology (laptop, internet, other equipment purchased after March 13)
- Course Materials
- Housing
- Temporary Food Insecurity
- Childcare
- Healthcare
- Travel (out-of-state student returning home)
- Loss of Financial Aid due to Cancellation of Class by Hutchinson Community College

It is important to note that loss of income is not an eligible expense. If you have experienced a loss of income, please contact the Financial Aid Office by emailing finaid@hutchcc.edu or calling 620-665-3569.

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Will CARES Emergency Student Aid Funds be applied to a student's account charges?

No. These emergency student aid funds will not be applied to a student's account charges. CARES funding is to assist students with expenses related to the disruption of on-campus operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Students awarded funds will receive the full disbursement as a refund.

Students with an account balance should contact the Accounts Receivable Office by emailing studentbill@hutchcc.edu or calling 620-665-3509 regarding payment options

Will students be able to apply for additional CARES emergency student aid funds in the future?

CARES emergency student aid funds are meant to provide short-term assistance to students experiencing unexpected costs related to the disruption of campus operations. Funds are limited and will be awarded until exhausted.

Will the CARES emergency student aid funds cover all expenses I have experienced, if they are related to the disruption of campus operations?

CARES emergency student aid funds are meant to help defray realized costs and may not cover all expenses.

Is there any other financial assistance available to students?

If you would like information regarding financial aid , or the financial aid process at Hutchinson Community College, please visit our website at <https://www.hutchcc.edu/financial-aid> or email finaid@hutchcc.edu.