

## **Hutchinson Community College CARES Act Student Emergency Financial Aid Grant Report**

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act provides funds to Hutchinson Community College for emergency financial aid grants to students for cost of attendance expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus (such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care).

Hutchinson Community College was allocated \$2,304,535 under the CARES Act. On June 16, 2020, Hutchinson Community College signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement for Higher Education Emergency Relief Funding and intends to use no less than 50 percent of the funds received under § 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

- Hutchinson Community College was allocated \$1,152,268 for emergency financial aid for eligible post-secondary students. The grants are intended to help students cover costs they have experienced as a result of the school closure due to the pandemic. This funding will be allocated through two distribution strategies, including broad distribution and emergency grants.
- The College was allocated an additional \$1,152,268 to help address the significant financial costs as a result of the COVID-19 emergency.

### **Student Emergency Financial Aid Grants**

As of October 28, 2020, Hutchinson Community College had awarded \$1,127,810 to 1157 eligible students. An estimated total of 1200 Title IV Eligible students were enrolled in a program with on-ground attendance on March 13, 2020. Of these 1200 students, 1192 students had completed a FAFSA, had need based on the federal need definition and demonstrated Title IV eligibility under Section 484 of the Higher Education Act of 1965. There has been a small group of students that have returned their CARES Funds citing that they had no expenses related to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The college has reviewed and disbursed a few grants in the fall 2020 semester for students.

To determine which students were eligible for the Student Emergency Financial Aid Grant, the institution reviewed every post-secondary student enrolled in a Title IV eligible program on March 13, 2020, at the time of the school moving to online instruction. Any student who met the requirements of Section 484 of the Higher Education Act was deemed eligible for an automatic Student Emergency Financial Aid Grant.

Once all eligible students are paid the grant, the remaining balance will be awarded to students who request additional assistance through an online application that requests the students to document their expenses from six coronavirus criteria (food, housing, course materials, technology, health care & child care). Grants are limited to a maximum of \$2,000 per student.

Total amount of CARES Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed as of June 22, 2020:

335 Full Pell Grant and No SEOG	\$2,000	\$ 670,000
110 Full Pell Grant and SEOG	\$1,000	\$ 110,000
333 EFC from 1-5576	\$600	\$ 199,800
233 EFC from 5577-16000	\$400	\$ 93,200
144 EFC was 16000 and above	\$375	\$ 54,000
Random amounts for students requesting during spring		\$810
1175 Total Students		\$1,127,810

All eligible students were provided a check with information about the grant. Information was also posted on the Hutchinson Community College website at [www.hutchcc.edu](http://www.hutchcc.edu)

Date Hutchinson Community College received its Emergency Financial Aid Grant allocation: June 18, 2020

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