

# Coronavirus (COVID-19): Important Financial Aid Updates and FAQs

The State Career College (SCC) Financial Aid office will remain open and available to assist with your questions about your financial aid.

You can reach us by sending an email to [ecruz@statecareercollege.edu](mailto:ecruz@statecareercollege.edu) or calling us at (847) 693-3838.

*These FAQs were last updated on 5/7/2020.*

## **What is the CARES Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund?**

The CARES Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund is intended to assist students with urgent financial needs directly related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus. Needs may include food, housing, course materials, technology, health, care, and childcare. This federal funding has been made available under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act).

Please refer to: <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/caresact.html>

## **How do I apply for SCC CARES Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds?**

To assist us in determining your eligibility, please complete the application and submit by email by May 11, 2020. Application will be emailed by May 8, 2020.

Please email any questions to: [ttangonan@statecareercollege.edu](mailto:ttangonan@statecareercollege.edu) or call (847)668-7884.

## **Who is eligible for the SCC CARES Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds?**

Under U.S. Department of Education rules for the program, these funds can be awarded to students who are eligible for federal financial aid.

### **Eligibility requirements:**

- Have a FAFSA account on file and be eligible for federal financial aid
- Student must be enrolled in eligible Financial Aid Program
- **First disbursement-** Students must have an active student status from March 13, 2020 to May 8, 2020 (Date of the President's Proclamation, "Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak").

- **Second disbursement-** Students must have an active student status from March 13, 2020 to July 31,2020 (Date of the President’s Proclamation, “Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak”).
- Be enrolled in a program that is not exclusively an online program
- Have expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child-care

**How much SCC CARES Act funding can I receive?**

The SCC CARES Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund amount received is \$99,925.00.

The total number of students eligible: 81 students

First disbursement: \$50,220.00 / 81 students = \$620.00

Date of disbursement: May 13, 2020

Second disbursement: \$49,705.00

Date of disbursement: August 6,2020

Amount of disbursement is to be determined depending on the total number of active eligible students from May 8, 2020 to July 31, 2020.

**How are decisions being made?**

Grants will be made equally dispersed to all SCC eligible students.

**If I am approved, when will I receive SCC CARES Act funding?**

Starting May 13, 2020, eligible students can expect funding within three days if you are signed up for direct deposit, paper checks will be mailed within the week.

**If I owe money to SCC, can SCC apply these funds to my balance?**

Charges or balances owed to SCC **cannot** be deducted from this funding, under any circumstances.