

CARES Grant FAQ (archived)

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MGCCC Cares Grants

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The college recently received CARES Act funding from the United States Department of Education to provide emergency financial aid grants (commonly known as CARES Grants) to assist students with expenses related to the disruption of campus activities due to the COVID-19 crisis. **These funds were provided with a significant set of rules and eligibility requirements from the federal government.** We have been working diligently to review and apply these rules and eligibility requirements in order to maximize the number of students we can assist. We are very hopeful that we will be able to distribute these grants soon. When we do, these grants will not require an application. They will be sent to all eligible students automatically.

1. What is the MGCCC Cares Grant?

- The MGCCC Cares Grant is funded by the Higher Education Emergency Relief Act to provide eligible students with funds to offset costs associated with the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19.

2. How do I know if I am an eligible student?

- To be eligible for a CARES Grants
 - You must have been enrolled in a least one traditional face-to-face class as of March 13 when the national emergency was declared. *Students who were enrolled in all online courses at that time are not eligible for a grant.*
 - Must be eligible to receive Federal Student Aid.

3. How do I know if I am eligible to receive Federal Student Aid?

4. If you filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you have demonstrated eligibility to participate in these programs. Students who have not filed a FAFSA but who are eligible to file a FAFSA may also be eligible. The criteria to participate in Federal Student Aid programs include but are **not limited to** the following: U.S. citizenship or eligible noncitizen; a valid Social Security number; registration with Selective Service (if the student is male); and a high school diploma, or equivalent. In addition, you must meet satisfactory academic progress (SAP).

5. If I haven't filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), can I file one now?

- Yes, a student may file a [FAFSA](#) for any available aid year to determine his or her eligibility for a CARES grant. If you are unable to complete a FAFSA, please contact one of the Financial Aid Offices using the email addresses above.

6. Which FAFSA year application should I complete?

- Students may complete either the 2019-20 or 2020-2021 FAFSA. Students who plan to enroll in the Fall 2020 semester may wish to complete the 2020-2021 FAFSA to determine eligibility for other Title IV Federal Student

7. If I am an eligible student, how much money will I receive?

- The amount of each grant will be based upon a student's expected family contribution (EFC) as determined by the Federal Department of Education.

8. How will the grants be distributed?

- Grants will be distributed to students using the preferred method selected through the BankMobile Disbursements. If you have not selected a preferred method of receiving funds, visit the [BankMobile website](#) and complete the selection process as soon as possible.

9. What can I spend the grant on?

- Students may use the grant to pay for any costs associated with the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child-care expenses.
- Grants may also be used to pay your current account balance or register for future classes.

10. If I qualify, is there anything I need to do?

- Grants will be processed automatically for eligible students. However, grants will be distributed to students using the preferred method selected through the BankMobile Disbursements. If you have not yet selected a preferred method of receiving funds, visit the [BankMobile website](#) and complete the selection process as soon as possible.



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