

## **CARES ACT STONE CHILD COLLEGE REPORT ENDING 9/30/2020**

1. An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used, or intends to use, no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

**Stone Child College President signed and returned the Certification and Agreement to the U.S. Department of Education on April 10, 2020, and acknowledges that the College intends to use no less than 50% of the funds to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. Emergency funds are being used to assist eligible students during the spring, summer and fall 2020 semesters.**

2. The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

**The total amount allocated that is to be disbursed directly to students is \$108,399.00.**

3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the 30-day Report and every 45 days thereafter).

**There has been a total of ninety-three (93) students who received \$30,800.00 in direct student aid from this fund during the grant period beginning in April 2020. The fall application opened in early October and has had 114 applicants. The remaining funds will be disbursed at multiple times during the fall semester.**

4. The estimated total number of students at the institution who are or could be eligible to participate in the Federal student financial aid programs under Section 484 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, and thus are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

**There were 131 Pell eligible students enrolled at SCC during the reporting period. Of those, ninety-three (93) received emergency aid. Those not funded were due to some students withdrawing before the end of the semester and some did not maintain satisfactory academic progress.**

5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. (For example, if you have not issued grants to students yet or have issued fewer than 10 grants, you should indicate that <10 students have received a grant)

**Ninety-three (93) full and part time students have received funding under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.**

6. The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

**During an administrative meeting, it was decided all students that were PELL or Title IV eligible received CARES Act funds. Students would get a set amount based on enrollment status, full-time/part-time; additional funds were made available for emergency needs to those with dependents.**

7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the Institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

**The following policy was drafted to set criteria for eligibility for Emergency Financial Aid grants.**

### **CARES Act: Higher Education Emergency Financial Aid Grant**

- Stone Child College criteria for eligibility states that a student must be a degree-seeking student and must be maintaining a minimum 2.0 GPA. A student must be enrolled during the academic term in which the Emergency Aid Grant is awarded.
- Additional criteria to participate in programs under Section 484 of the HEA 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, GED/HiSet, or completion of high school in an approved homeschool setting.
- The emergency financial aid grants to students are for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus. Eligible expenses include food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and childcare.
- Eligible student will be required to complete an electronic application that can be located on the Stone Child College Webpage. Part-time students will be granted a minimum of \$100.00 in funding. Full-time students will be granted a minimum of \$200 in funding and may apply for additional funding to provide for dependents. Students requesting additional funding in excess of the \$200 must provide supporting documentation to justify the needed funds.
- Funding approval will be addressed by an Emergency Aid Committee consisting of 5 members from the Stone Child College Staff. Once an award decision is determined the student will be notified of the approval or denial within 2 business days of receiving a completed application and supporting documentation. Emergency Financial Aid grants will be paid within two business days of approval. The eligible student will receive payment of the grant directly in the approved amount in the form of a check.

**The students were then notified via email, social media notification, MS 365 Team posts, classroom announcements, phone calls, word of mouth, to fill out the**

**online form to apply for funds. Student Aid was given out at the SCC business office unless the student was in quarantine or the community was in lockdown status due to COVID-19 related illnesses rising in the community; in which case the checks were mailed to the students.**

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