

Central Maine Community College 00527600
CARES Act Emergency Grant Report
October 16, 2020

Central Maine Community College received **\$941,360** on April 25, 2020 from the U.S. Department of Education under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide emergency financial aid grants to students.

During the spring 2020 and summer 2020 semesters, the following criteria were used to identify students who were eligible to apply for funding:

1. The student had completed a 2019-2020 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and appeared to meet the "[basic eligibility criteria](#)" for receiving federal Title IV assistance.
2. The student was not enrolled in a 100% online program as of March 13, 2020.
3. The student had to be enrolled in spring 2020 courses at CMCC, and was pre-registered for fall 2020 courses at CMCC. Priority consideration was given to students who were also enrolled in a summer 2020 course at CMCC.

The estimated total number of eligible students was **810**. Students were placed into invitation groups based on their spring 2020, fall 2020, and summer 2020 enrollment.

The students in the first invitation group were sent an email on May 19, 2020 to their personal and college email addresses, inviting them to complete the online application. The students in the second invitation group were sent an email on May 26, 2020. The students in the third invitation group were sent an email on June 1, 2020. The students in the fourth invitation group were sent an email on June 8, 2020.

During the fall 2020 semester, the following criteria have been used to identify students who were eligible to apply for funding:

1. The student has completed a 2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and appeared to meet the "[basic eligibility criteria](#)" for receiving federal Title IV assistance.
2. The student was not enrolled in a 100% online program as of March 13, 2020.
3. The student has to be enrolled in fall 2020 courses at CMCC.

The estimated total number of eligible students was **708**. Students were sent an invitation on October 13, 2020.

As of October 16, 2020, Central Maine Community College has disbursed **\$644,113** in CARES Act emergency grant funding to a total of 415 students. In addition to CARES Act funding, Central Maine Community College has disbursed an additional **\$71,700** in other emergency grants to **68** additional students.

For Fall 2020, the following email was sent to students who were invited to apply for CARES Act funding:

Dear CMCC student:

We are contacting you to inform you that CMCC has received funding from the federal government through the CARES Act to make emergency grants to students affected by the COVID-19 outbreak.

Eligibility to apply is restricted as follows:

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1. The student has filed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and has demonstrated eligibility to participate in the federal student aid programs (see below).
 - a. Be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or other eligible non-citizen;
 - b. Have a high school diploma, home school diploma, or GED;
 - c. Be making satisfactory academic progress;
 - d. Not owe a refund on a federal Title IV education grant;
 - e. Not be in default on a federal Title IV education loan;
 - f. Not have fraudulently exceeded federal Title IV education loan limits;
 - g. Be registered with the Selective Service if male and required to register;
 - h. Have a valid Social Security Number;
 - i. Not have a federal or state conviction for using or distributing illegal drugs while receiving federal Title IV education assistance.

2. The student must be currently matriculated in a CMCC degree or certificate program; additionally, that program cannot be one that was already 100% online prior to the President's declaration of a national emergency in March 2020.

If you wish to apply for funding, please log in to your [CMConnect account](#). Go to the Students tab, then down to the Financial Aid page. You'll see a section called 'CARES Act Emergency Grant Request. Be sure to carefully review the eligibility requirements before you proceed. Complete and submit the application. The Office of Financial Aid will review your application within three business days, and we will notify you by email of our decision.

The CMCC Office of Financial Aid