# Morgan Community College CARES/HEERF Reporting September 30, 2020

The Department would like to receive the most current information from the date when the institution received its allocation for emergency financial aid grants to students, and the institution should have received its allocation within a few days after submitting the Certification and Agreement. Accordingly, the following information must appear in a format and location that is easily Accessible to the public 30 days after the date when the institution received its allocation under 18004(a)(1) and updated every 45 days thereafter:

- 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.
  - Morgan Community College signed the assurance and submitted on April 20, 2020 and received the funds on April 26, 2020.
- 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.
  - \$205,629 minimum will be used for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
- 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).
  - As of September 30, 2020, Morgan Community College had distributed \$164,291.80 to students.
- 4. The estimated total number of students at the institution eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
  - 729 students are estimated to be eligible under Section 484 in Title IV.
- 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.
  - As of September 30, 2020, 390 students have received a grant.
- 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.
  - Emergency Cash grants to Spring 2020 enrolled students. Awards will be based upon level of enrollment: full-time, three-quarter time, half-time.
     Enrollment status is based upon actively enrolled credits at the time of award. For example, if a student was enrolled full-time for the semester, but has withdrawn from half of their courses, their Spring 2020 emergency grant will be based upon half-time.
  - Awards to students whose classes were canceled due to COVID interruption, students who
    withdrew or did not complete Spring 2020 due to COVID interruption, and/or students who were

enrolled in Spring 2020 to pay the tuition cost differential between in-person and on-line courses as the COVID interruption has caused course schedule impacts to more remote courses. Students will be offered a course scholarship (tuition and/or some fees) to take the course when it is next offered or to pay the cost differential between in-person and on-line courses. Awards will vary depending on credit hour and associated fees. Students will be required to complete an MCC Grant form to accept the award.

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

### **MCC's Emergency Aid Fund**

The MCC Student Emergency Fund is an emergency stipend for MCC students who are dealing with unanticipated and/or catastrophic life events that might cause the student to stop or pause their educational goals. The fund is managed by a campus committee and is currently accepting applications. Applications will be reviewed on a first come, first served basis for as long as funds are available. Once funds are exhausted, additional applications will not be reviewed.

The MCC Student Emergency Fund is comprised of two major sources of funding. Eligibility requirements vary by funding source. This application will be used to determine eligibility for both sources of funding listed below.

- 1. CARES Act Funding: The *CARES Act Higher Education* Emergency Relief *Fund*-IHE/Student Aid provides *funding* to institutions to provide emergency financial aid *grants* to students whose lives have been disrupted, many of whom are facing financial challenges and struggling to make ends meet. Only students enrolled as of March 13, 2020, who have completed or would be eligible to complete a FAFSA may apply for these grants. Access to these funds will not impact a student's eligibility for Title IV aid. For more information visit: <a href="https://www.morgancc.edu/covid-19/">https://www.morgancc.edu/covid-19/</a>.
- 2. Morgan Community College Foundation: The MCC Foundation has designated funding to assist students facing unexpected, one-time expenses.

Expenses considered include, but are not limited to:

- Housing
- Food
- Childcare
- Healthcare
- Technology
- Course tuition, fees and materials
- Costs related to major accidents or loss due to fire, theft, or natural disaster

Expenses NOT considered for funding include but are not limited to:

- Student travel/conference expenses
- Costs of entertainment, recreation, personal, or non-emergency travel expenses
- Outstanding personal debt, including credit card debt

The Emergency Fund Committee reserves the right to request further documentation and receipts.

Click here to send an email with questions about the application.

Grant Notifications were mailed to students with the following information:

# A Word from our President:

"We are so glad to have some funding to help you through a challenging time, and hope this is useful in making ends meet. Now more than ever, your education is important to building your future. MCC is proud to be your partner, and we are proud of your accomplishments. We look forward to seeing you soon and hope you will join us on campus in summer and fall (as allowed). Best wishes, and be well!"-- Dr. Curt Freed, MCC President

#### Where did the funding come from?

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act sgned into law on March 28, 2020 provided Morgan Community College an allocation to make grants to students for food, housing, technology and other purposes. We are pleased to inform you that you have been selected to receive a grant in the amount listed below for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus. This is a grant and not a loan; it does not have to be repaid.

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# Who is eligible?

Eligible Students must following requirements:

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- You have submitted your completed a 2019-2020 FAFSA to Morgan Community College that verifies your eligibility to apply for federal financial aid or otherwise provided evidence that you are eligible to file a FAFSA
- You have course enrollment in Spring 2020 of at least 6 credit hours (on or after March 13, when the national emergency was declared)
- You are a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
- You are meeting the requirements for Satisfactory Academic Progress.

Ineligible Students - You are not eligible to receive funds if during the spring term you are any of the following:

- Enrolled as a completely online student
- A concurrently enrolled high school student, high school student, underage student, or undocumented student (including DACA and ASSET)
- Currently in default of a federal student loan or owe a repayment of Title IV Federal Student Aid.

#### How do I receive my grant?



Your grant funding will be delivered through BankMobile. You can set up or change your preferences by logging into your MyMCC account. From the dashboard, click on the BankMobile icon.

Please check the student portal to confirm your balance with Morgan Community College. Receipt of this grant does not confirm that your balance is paid in full.

## Eligibility requirements per the US Department of Education

Eligible students include US citizens taking on campus classes who have completed high school. Students in programs that were exclusively online prior to March 13, 2020 are not eligible. Eligibility will be verified prior to the distribution of grant funding. Students who have not filed a FAFSA but who are eligible to file a FAFSA also may receive emergency financial aid grants. The 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, or completion of high school in an approved homeschool setting. Source: US Dept. of Education.

Emails Notifications to Students that Apply for Funding using our Emergency Funding Application

## **Awarded**

Dear Student,

The committee reviewed your MCC Emergency Fund Application and is pleased to inform you that you are eligible for the funds listed below. As a reminder, you authorized the use of CARES funding to be applied directly to your account balance. Cares funding awarded as Federal CO-19 Institutional Grant will be applied directly to your student bill.

CARES funding awarded as Federal CO-19 Educational Impact Grant and Federal CO-19 Educational Grant Course Expense will not be directly applied to your bill. These funds will be refunded directly to you in the term for which it was awarded, upon enrollment. Please check your billing statement in the student portal (My MCC) to verify the balance on your account. You will be responsible to make payment or set up an official payment plan to avoid being dropped from your courses.

MCC Foundation Emergency funds will be mailed to your address on file in the form of a check. Please resubmit the Emergency Fund Application if you enroll in an online course in Summer 2020, Fall 2020, and Spring 2021 Semesters to see if you are eligible for a scholarship to pay the difference in tuition between on campus and online courses (please see below if you have already been awarded this scholarship for summer). You can find information on MCC Emergency Funding here. We hope this funding provides some relief during a difficult time.

CARES Funding: Federal CO-19 Educational Impact Grant and/or Federal CO-19 Educational Grant Course Expense Grant

## **Federal CO-19 Institutional Grant**

**Tuition for ### Course** – (these funds will need to be used by 2021 Spring Semester– please email Kelly.rasmussen@morgancc.edu when you are enrolled in these courses.

**MCC Foundation Emergency Funds** were raised by a campaign where generous community members donated to provide additional support during the COVID-19 Pandemic to students in need.

#### **Amount**

# No additional funding

Dear Student,

The committee carefully reviewed your Emergency Funding Application for additional funding and unfortunately will not be able to provide you funding at this time. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors and hope you are able to stay safe and well. If you decide to return to MCC, and need to take online courses by the 2021 Spring Semester, please reapply for online differential scholarship funding. Click here for more information on MCC Emergency Funding.

CARES funding was awarded as **Federal CO-19 Educational Impact Grant** in the amount of \$ by MCC in May 2020. If you did not receive these funds through BankMobile please contact financialaid@morgancc.edu or 970-542-3160.