

On April 27th, Plaza College received funding from the federal government to provide Student Emergency Assistance Grants. The grants are provided under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act which establishes and funds the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) and directs institutions of higher education to provide emergency financial aid grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus including eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and childcare.

Plaza College has been working diligently to distribute these funds to qualifying students in the most expeditious and timely manner. Students are encouraged to address any questions regarding the CARES Act grant to caresacthelp@plazacollege.edu.

DISCLOSURE INFORMATION

1. Did Plaza College sign and return to the Department the Certification and Agreement?
 - a. YES
2. Does Plaza College provide assurance that it 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?
 - a. YES
3. How much was Plaza College allocated for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students?
 - a. \$963,329
4. What is the total amount of the Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of May 27, 2020?
 - a. \$281,500
5. What is the estimated total number of students at Plaza College that meet the eligibility criteria to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act (as defined under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965) as of the date indicated in question 4?
 - a. 301
6. How many eligible students have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of the date indicated in question 4?
 - a. 60

7. 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.
 - a. Plaza College is located in Queens, New York; which is one of the most negatively impacted counties by COVID19 in the United States. Thus, all of our eligible students have incurred significant financial and emotional costs due to the disruption caused by the pandemic. Therefore, Plaza determined that each eligible full-time student would receive \$1,000 (amount prorated for part-time study). The College will be reserving additional funds for a second funding to be announced in the near future.

8. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.
 - a. Students are all required to complete a form which contains the following information:
 - i. Eligible students must be:
 1. Title IV Aid recipients
 2. Actively enrolled/matriculated in a Degree or Certificate at Plaza College in the Spring 2020 semester
 3. Currently in good standing with all College requirements, including Financial Aid, Academics, Student Services, etc
 4. Actively attending all current classes – students that have not posted attendance in all of their scheduled classes will not be eligible to receive funds
 5. “Online-only” students are not eligible to participate
 - ii. These funds are a grant, not a loan. Thus, they do not have to be paid back. These funds are also non-taxable for federal purposes.
 - iii. According to the US Department of Education, the funds shall not be used for any purpose other than the direct payment of grants to students for their expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child-care. Therefore, students must inform the College as to what purpose(s) the funds shall be used in the questions below.
 - iv. Funds will be provided to students in the form of a check, and mailed out via US Postal Service. Therefore, students need to confirm the correct spelling of their names for the check and correct mailing address.
 - v. Completing this form is only one of the requirements. All criteria must be verified before funds are released.
 - b. Students must first confirm the following:

- i. that they have been negatively impacted by COVID19 and that they are, in fact, in need of relief funds. Students are given the option to elect that they are not in need of funds.
 - ii. Students are required to indicate for which of the federally approved purpose(s) the funds will be used: (i) Food, (ii) Housing, (iii) Course Materials, (iv) Technology, (v) Healthcare, and/or (vi) Child-care.
 - iii. Students must confirm the correct spelling of their names and correct mailing addresses for the check.
 - iv. Students are then called by a Plaza College representative and asked to verbally confirm the information provided.
- c. Students are directed to address any additional questions regarding your CARES Act grant to caresacthelp@plazacollege.edu.