

Macomb Community College CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Reporting

Acknowledgement of Certification & Agreement

Macomb Community College signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement for Emergency Relief Funds to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economics Security (CARES) Act on April 15, 2020.

Macomb's allocation of funding received through the CARES Act is **\$4,808,649**. Macomb will use no less than 50% of the funds **\$2,404,325** received under Section 18004(c) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants directly to students.

Macomb Publishes Data on Emergency Relief Funds Distributed to Students

- **Estimated Total Number of Students Eligible for Emergency Relief Funds** *(The estimated total number of Macomb students eligible to participate in this program is based solely on the student's ability to qualify for programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act (HEA) of 1965).*
- **Total Amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants Distributed to Students**
- **Number of Students Who Have Received Funds**

Application Process, Method Used to Determine Eligibility for Emergency Financial Aid Grants and Communication to Students

Eligible Students Must:

- Complete the [application form](#) and check the other box in the current concern section of the form entering Macomb CARES in the textbox.
- Have a Federal Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) on file with the institution or meet Title IV eligibility requirements
- Have been enrolled in a credit course at Macomb in the Winter 2020 semester and have a 2.0 GPA

The application form will allow staff in the Macomb Community College Student Options for Success (SOS) Office to identify the greatest immediate need(s) of a student(s) for Emergency Financial Aid Grant relief available through the CARES Act. In addition, the staff are trained as MI Bridges navigators to assist students within the State of Michigan in filing for public assistance and providing them with a network of support to meet their need(s) in the long-term. *(The Emergency Financial Aid Grants will not impact any other financial aid a student may be receiving).*

Method of Distribution:

Applications for Emergency Financial Aid grants are evaluated on an individual basis. The total amounts of these grants are based on the specific financial issues a student has faced or may face as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic that inhibits their ability to continue the pursuit of their education at Macomb Community College. Examples of emergency expenses or disruptions include, but are not limited to:

- Course Materials such as Textbooks/School Supplies
- Child care
- Clothing
- Food Assistance
- Health care
- Housing Assistance
- Mental Health
- Technology
- Transportation
- Utilities

Communications to Students:

Macomb Community College students were notified about the availability of Emergency Financial Aid Grants through the CARES Act using a two-phased approach. The first phase was initiated on May 4, 2020 with an email to Macomb students enrolled in the Winter 2020 semester who met satisfactory academic progress (2.0 GPA) with the greatest need based on their FAFSA giving these students the opportunity to apply for the Emergency Financial Aid grants first. This ensured staff could meet demand, quickly process applications, award grants and respond to student questions quickly. The second phase which began after May 14, 2020 included an email communication to the remaining students enrolled in the Winter 2020 semester that are eligible for Title IV funding and have maintained satisfactory academic progress. Information about the Emergency Financial Aid grant will also be posted on the institution's website www.Macomb.edu.

For assistance with the application process and/or questions please contact:

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