

Overview and Reporting Requirements

Section 18004(a)(1) of the [Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security \(CARES\) Act](#) authorized the Secretary of Education (Secretary) to allocate formula grant funds to CCI Training Center (CCI) in the amount of \$98,431. Section 18004(c) of the CARES Act requires CCI to use no less than fifty percent of the funds received (\$49,215.50) to provide emergency financial aid grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of CCI campus operations due to coronavirus.

In June 2020, CCI executed a CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) Certification and Agreement with the U.S. Department of Education (DOE) that provides assurance that CCI intends to make Emergency Financial Aid Grants available to students and directs CCI to submit a report to the Secretary describing the use of funds distributed from the HEERF.

Allocation and Award Data

- As of December 31, 2020 CCI, has distributed \$69,530 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants to 130 students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act for both award categories listed in the Category of Funds Available section of this webpage.
- CCI estimates as of December 31, 2020, that 134 students are 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.

Method to Determine Eligibility

The CARES Act is a federal program. The U.S. government guidelines have instructed colleges/universities that, “only students who are or could be eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), may receive emergency financial aid grants. If a student has filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), then the student has demonstrated eligibility to participate in programs under Section 484 the HEA. 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.”

In addition to the federal guidelines for qualification you must also:

- Be currently enrolled in a course.
- Have a passing Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP), meaning you are passing your courses, have good attendance and participation.

Categories of Funds Available

CCI Training Center has established two eligibility criteria to apply and receive funds under The CARES Act Section 18004(a)(1) Emergency Financial Aid Grants. Information was sent by email to all current students. Students are also encouraged to contact the school administration for further assistance.

Category 1: Application Based Grant

All current students experiencing extreme financial strain due to COVID-19, may apply requesting funds. All approvals are based on availability. The school prioritizes applications based on need for room and board, transportation, and emergencies. The maximum amount of each grant is \$400 per applicant.

Category 2: Application to Request a Laptop

All current students enrolled in a program of study at CCI Training center who do not have a working laptop with capabilities to complete all online course program requirements may request a laptop of no more than \$400 value.

Students may choose only one of the two categories listed above.