

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Reporting

Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act)

Saint Paul College – Reporting Period: May 18, 2020 to December 31, 2020 (Summary Report)

- 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.**

Saint Paul College signed and submitted the Certificate and Agreement for the Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act on April 13, 2020. Saint Paul College has used and plans to use at least 50% of the total allocation for student emergency funds.

- 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.**

Saint Paul College received award confirmation on April 22, 2020 that CARES – Student Financial Aid was available in G5. Saint Paul College has received \$2,290,260 of funds 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). Update: Starting September 30, 2020, reporting will be published quarterly.**

May 18, 2020: \$1,758,315

May 22, 2020: \$1,842,555

July 6, 2020: \$1,988,255

August 20, 2020: \$2,083,005

September 30, 2020: \$2,168,055

December 31, 2020: \$2,285,962

- 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.**

Based on student eligibility as defined below, Saint Paul College identified 4012 students as eligible for funds.

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.

3948 students have received Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

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.

Eligibility requirements for this emergency assistance include enrollment in courses that were:

In-person, face-to-face instruction (i.e. "ground-based" in federal terminology)

Credit-earning (not an audited course)

Semester-based

Continued through or started on or after the first Monday of Spring Break

To be eligible, students also cannot have dropped, withdrawn, or had a Last Day of Attendance before the first Monday of Spring Break (3/16/2020). Various restrictions on the use of these funds were established in the CARES Act and through regulatory direction from the federal Department of Education. These restrictions mean that several categories of students cannot receive emergency financial assistance, including:

Current high school students

Seniors citizens who already receive a tuition discount

DACA/DREAM Act Students

Students with Employer-Paid Tuition (EPT) including tuition waivers

Incarcerated students

International students with an F1 Visa status in SEVIS

Saint Paul College received \$2,290,260 of student emergency funds as part of the CARES Act. In an effort to distribute funds to make the greatest impact, three different methods were used to award funds to students.

Base Award (\$200) – Awards of \$200 were sent to all eligible students on May 6, 2020. *

Supplemental Award (\$400) – All eligible students who received a Federal Pell Grant or Minnesota State Grant received an additional \$400 and were sent on May 6, 2020.

CARES Act Emergency Fund Applications (\$500) – Twenty-four percent of the college’s allocation was reserved for applications for additional funds. Application information on this fund and the college’s other emergency funds is available on the [Saint Paul College Student Emergency Fund website](#). Applications are reviewed by date submitted and all approval and denials are sent within a week of submission.

* Students attending more than one Minnesota State college or university can only receive a Base Award from one school. Students who believe they meet the eligibility requirements, but did not have a Base Award at Saint Paul College should check their student account for their other school.

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

The distribution plan was presented to the Saint Paul College Student Senate on April 17, 2020 and an update on the progress of the plan was provided on April 22, 2020.

The Student Emergency Funds Application Website was updated to include CARES Act funds.

After our eligible-student list was finalized on April 30, 2020, we compared it with reports from Bankmobile who had inactive accounts. Messages were sent to those students notifying them that they should review their accounts with Bankmobile before funds were sent on May 6, 2020.

A [broadcast email](#) was sent to students on May 4, 2020 with details on the distribution plan and steps students would need to follow.