

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

NORTH CENTRAL MICHIGAN COLLEGE

Use of Funds from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) updated 10/1/20

North Central Michigan College received funds for students from the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus. The College is now required by the U.S. Department of Education to post the following information related to those funds.

1. North Central Michigan College signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education the Funding Certification and Agreement on April 15, 2020. The College has used 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.
2. North Central received \$417,714 from the U.S. Department of Education on April 26, 2020. The funds were received pursuant to the College's Funding Certification and Agreement 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 May 12, 2020, is \$335,202.
Update: As of October 1, 2020, total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students is \$335,250.30.
4. An estimated total of 716 students at North Central were eligible to participate in programs under the 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.
5. As of May 12, 2020, 694 students have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
Update: As of October 1, 2020, 690 students have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant.
6. The method North Central Michigan College used to determine which students would receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and the amount under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is as follows:

On April, 9, 2020, institutions were given regulations by the U.S. Secretary of Education, Betsy DeVos, on student eligibility to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants. That regulation stated "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." Programs under Section 484 in Title IV include Pell Grants, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG),

Federal Direct Loans and Federal Work-Study. Eligibility requirements as set by the U.S. Department of Education under HEA include:

- Be a citizen or eligible noncitizen of the United States.
- Have a valid Social Security Number. (Students from the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau are exempt from this requirement.)
- Have a high school diploma or a General Education Development (GED) certificate, or have completed homeschooling. If not, may still be eligible for federal student aid if were enrolled in college or career school prior to July 1, 2012. Go to <https://studentaid.ed.gov/eligibility/basic-criteria> for additional information.
- Be enrolled in an eligible program as a regular student seeking a degree or certificate.
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress.
- Not owe a refund on a federal student grant or be in default on a federal student loan.
- Register (or already be registered) with the Selective Service System, if male and not currently on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces. (Students from the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Republic of Palau are exempt from registering; see <https://sss.gov> for more information.)
- Not have a conviction for the possession or sale of illegal drugs for an offense that occurred while receiving federal student aid (such as grants, work-study, or loans). If have such a conviction, must complete the Student Aid Eligibility Worksheet to determine if eligible for aid or partially eligible for aid.

The method to determine the amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grant each student would receive is as follows: North Central looked at all degree seeking students enrolled as of March 23, 2020 and the number of credit hours each was enrolled in. The total number of credits was divided by the amount of CARES Act funding the College was given. The resulting number was used as the amount per credit hour enrolled each eligible student would receive. North Central then reviewed each student enrolled for Title IV eligibility under HEA requirements. Those students then received CARES Act funding based on the number of credit hours enrolled as of March 23, 2020.

7. The instructions, directions and guidance provided by North Central to our students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants was as follows:

May 8, 2020 email sent to all degree seeking students enrolled as of March 23, 2020 for Winter 2020 semester

Dear Student,

These are unprecedented and challenging times for you as a student and I know you are grappling with issues you never imagined. The Coronavirus, Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act has provided North Central Michigan College with dollars to help give the support needed to our students. To be eligible to receive money from this Act you must meet the eligibility requirements. The first requirement is to have filed a 2019-2020 FASFA. According to our records you are a degree seeking student, enrolled in classes for the winter 2020 semester but did not file a FASFA for this academic year (2019-2020).

The good news is there is still time for you to file your **2019-2020 FASFA**. Please file your FASFA by **May 25, 2020** and upon receipt of your information we will determine if you meet all the eligibility requirements. If you are eligible, we will be able to award money to you based on our formula to disperse these funds. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Student Services at 231-348-6605.

We are here to help support you during these challenging times.

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May 11, 2020 email sent to all degree seeking students enrolled as of March 23, 2020 for Winter 2020 semester

Dear Student,

As a degree seeking student enrolled during the winter 2020 semester you may be eligible to receive dollars from the Coronavirus, Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. North Central Michigan college has been provided funds to give Emergency Financial Aid Grants to our students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus.

Following is the student eligibility requirements, by the U.S. Department of Education, for North Central students to receive the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

- Filed a 2019-2020 FAFSA that has been received at North Central
- Be a U.S. Citizen or national, permanent resident, or other eligible noncitizen
- Have a valid social security number
- Be degree seeking at North Central
- Not be in default on a student loan
- Have a satisfactory academic standing
- Not be a high school, dual enrolled student
- If male, be registered with the U.S. Selective Service
- Not have a federal or state conviction for drug possession or sale

North Central will be distributing CARES Act funds the week of May 11, 2020. A separate e-mail will be sent to those students eligible to receive dollars from the Emergency Financial Aid Grant. The amount of funds received will be determined by the number of credit hours enrolled in the winter 2020 semester, after March 13, 2020. The funds will be disbursed through our normal BankMobile refund process.

This has certainly been an unprecedented and challenging time to be a student. We hope the funds that we are dispersing, to eligible students, will help with the disruption caused by the coronavirus.

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May 11, 2020 email sent to all eligible students to receive CARES Act funds

Dear Student,

You are eligible to receive funds from the Coronavirus, Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. We are distributing those funds to you this week, May 11, 2020. The amount is based on the credit hours you were enrolled in for the winter 2020 semester, after March 13, 2020.

These funds will be disbursed through our normal BankMobile refund process. If you have questions about this process, please contact the business office at 231-348-6803.

We hope these funds will help you during these unprecedented and challenging times.

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