



Student Emergency Fund

Report through 4th Quarter: 04/21/2020 to 12/31/2020

Initial grant application submission: 04/21/2020

U.S. Department of Education

Higher Education Emergency Relief Funding (HEERF), through the
Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act

PR/Award number: P425E202826

INTRODUCTION

Delta College's Emergency Fund was created to provide assistance to students for expenses and financial emergencies related to the coronavirus pandemic. It will help students stay in college and meet their educational goals, ultimately, securing a better financial future. Grants to students are intended to go DIRECTLY TO STUDENTS for their expenses related to the disruption of campus operations, as reflected on the application.

This information is posted on the College's public website and will be continue to be updated every quarter (90 days).

REPORTING

1. Certification and Agreement

Delta College acknowledges that it signed and returned its Certification and Agreement document on April 21, 2020 to the U.S. Department of Education. We assure that we will be using these funds to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

2. Total Funding Received

Delta College will be receiving \$2,573,303 to utilize for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

3. Total Distributed To Date

Delta College has distributed \$2,233,000 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students as of the date of this report.

4. Estimated Number of Eligible Students

Delta College has determined that there were 5,595 students 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.

5. Number of Student Awards

Delta College has awarded Emergency Financial Aid Grants to 2,543 students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

6. Determination/Selection Method Used

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.



- Delta College worked on a process to help identify students who met the requirements and who incurred expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus.
- An online application was created to be able to receive requests for funding from students.
 - That form provided four categories for students to respond to in terms of the impact:
 - 1) Course materials and supplies
 - 2) Technology (laptop, tablet, phone, internet access, etc.)
 - 3) Living expenses (food, other basic needs, etc.)
 - 4) Housing (rent, mortgage, utilities, etc.)
- Awards would be \$250 for each check box selected, for a maximum of \$1,000.
- Each application will be reviewed by Financial Aid staff for eligibility with staff sending an email of approval or denial of emergency funds.
- Award amounts will be added onto student accounts utilizing a separate AR Code so that it would not get comingled with Tuition and Fee balances that a student might owe.
 - Students will not be able to see this funding reflected on their Delta College student account, due to the special coding.
 - If students are awarded the funds, they will get an email, followed by the paper check.
- Student Billing staff will disburse funding and Delta College would issue and mail paper checks to students who are selected to receive grants.

7. **Student Communications**

Provide any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

Delta College utilized its enterprise wide system, Ellucian, to help identify students who are eligible to receive CARES Act funding. They were sorted out depending upon the following:

- In a Delta degree or certificate program
- Enrollment status
- Have a FAFSA on record
- In good academic standing
- Reviewed for Federal eligibility

In the fall 2020 semester, Delta College's Financial Aid department determined there were additional students who were enrolled who would possibly be eligible to receive CARES Act funding. The College changed its outreach slightly and sent out text messages to those students who had a cell phone number on file in our system. That message said:

“Have you experienced extra bills due to class changes at Delta College this fall and need some emergency funds? Apply here: [CARES Act](#)”

The remaining students were sent an email encouraging them to apply to receive funding. Applications were accepted throughout the semester to meet student needs.

The content was similar to the content reflected below. Each text or email that was sent out directs all students to a public website page that describes the possible funding and the eligibility requires. A copy of that website page is included later in this report.



Thanks to the Federal CARES Act, Delta College has been allocated funding through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Funding (HEERF) to support students impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. The money is available to students who are seeking a Delta degree, enrolled in classes, meet Federal eligibility, and are experiencing expenses directly related to the change in campus operations due to the coronavirus during enrollment.

We want to help make your semesters successful!

Based on Delta's records, you may be eligible to receive funding if you have encountered qualifying expenses. Please visit the following link for additional information and to apply for funding: [CARES Act](#). Students applying are required to have a FAFSA on record at Delta. If you haven't filed a FAFSA, please do so and wait five business days before applying for emergency relief funding.

Take care and be well,

Delta College CARES Act Team

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Once students submit their application, they each receive a confirmation email and the content of that message is included below:

Subject: Thank you for your application

Content: Thank you for taking the time to submit an application to Delta College for possible Student Emergency Funding. Your submission does not guarantee that you will receive a financial award. However, you will be notified further once a decision has been made. Please continue to check your Delta College email box, where additional information will be sent. Stay safe and we hope we are able to assist you further.

After submission of the application, a team of employees reviews each submission to ensure the student meets all of the requirements. If they do, they are approved and placed into a batch file. All students then have the award added to their student record, with a special code that indicates it should be paid immediately to them, instead of applying the dollars to pay any tuition and fees due. Checks will then be generated and mailed directly to students, with the length of time being no more than a week from the time they are approved for funding.



<https://www.delta.edu/coronavirus/student-emergency-fund.html>

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STUDENT EMERGENCY FUND

Delta College is providing emergency aid funding to support students impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. The money is available to currently enrolled students experiencing expenses directly related to the change in campus operations due to the coronavirus.

This assistance was created to help students stay in college and meet their educational goals, ultimately, securing a better financial future.

Aid will be awarded in the order of application. The amount will be based on type of emergency financial need, enrollment level, and subject to availability of funds.

ELIGIBILITY

For consideration, Delta College students should have a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on record and be in good academic standing. If you haven't yet done so, you can still complete the FAFSA by visiting: [FAFSA](#).

Please be aware that it will take 5 business days for Delta to receive your FAFSA results, so please **do NOT apply for CARES Act funds** until 5 business days after you submit your FAFSA.

Keep in mind that these emergency fund dollars are not considered financial aid. You do not need to be receiving any financial aid to apply.

INELIGIBLE

Students who were enrolled in a program that was offered exclusively online prior to the coronavirus, are not eligible for funding. Dual enrolled high school students and early college students are not eligible to apply and receive funding.

PROCESS FOR DECISIONS

Funding will be based on financial issues students have had or will face related to moving to online coursework, such as (but not limited to) internet service issues, the need for a new computer or special software or hardware, or increased utility costs.

Emergency aid is intended to help students with expenses that may affect their ability to attend Delta College and the awards are in addition to any other financial aid support the student may have received. Award funding is provided through the federal Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Students can apply by clicking on the button below.

APPLY FOR CARE ACT FUNDS

At the bottom of the public website page, there is a button that takes the students to an online application, which they can complete. A copy of that application is included on the next page.



Delta College CARES Application

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Emergency Awards Application for Delta College students

Students experiencing hardships and expenses related to the change from on-campus teaching to alternative teaching methods are asked to complete the brief form below.

Last Name:	First Name:	Delta ID #
<input type="text" value="Clark"/>	<input type="text" value="Pamela"/>	<input type="text" value="1097114"/>
Delta Email:	Alternate Email:	
<input type="text" value="pamelaclark@delta.edu"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Phone number (cell, home, other), including area code:		
<input type="text"/>		

Any funding that is awarded will be sent to the address Delta College has on file for you. [Please log into your student account](#) to verify the accuracy of this information. If you need to make a change, [please submit a change of address form](#).

Please select the area(s) in which you have incurred expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus:

- Course materials and supplies
- Technology (laptop, tablet, phone, internet access, etc.)
- Living expenses (food, other basic needs, etc)
- Housing (rent, mortgage, utilities, etc.)

Note: Award funding is limited to enrolled Delta College students who are in good academic standing and must meet all Federal financial aid criteria. Application submission does not guarantee an award. Students will be notified of any amount received to support their continued enrollment at Delta College.

Assistance is granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, age, gender, disability, or national origin.

By submitting this form, I certify that I have been financially impacted as indicated above.

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