

# CARES Act Information

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*Thank you for your interest in applying for the CARES Act student emergency grants. All Northcentral Technical CARES Act funds have been awarded.*

*Through the U.S. Department of Education's CARES Act, Northcentral Technical College received \$741,189 to provide direct relief to help qualifying students impacted by COVID-19. These emergency assistance grants will be funded 100% with U.S. Department of Education money; no College resources will be used.*

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- Northcentral Technical College (NTC) signed and returned to the US Department of Education the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that NTC 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.
- NTC has/will receive \$741,189 from the US Department of Education pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Student.
- NTC has distributed \$741,189 of Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of October 10, 2020.
- NTC estimates that 1,665 NTC 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 as of October 10, 2020.
- 498 NTC students have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of October 10, 2020.
- The method(s) used by NTC to determine which students receive(d) Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they receive(d) under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act include:

To best administer the direct student grant portion of the CARES Act, a simplified application process was created to get funds to students as quickly as possible. The online CARES Act Emergency Student Assistance Fund Application is located within the myNTC student portal and is accessible to all registered students of the College.

Using the application responses, NTC reviewers verify eligibility based on CARES Act specifications:

- Students must be Title IV eligible. The College uses 2019-20 or 2020-21 FAFSA records students have on file to make a determination of Title IV eligibility.
- Students must be enrolled in a Title IV eligible program, per the interim final rule on student eligibility for student CARES Act funding, issued from the Department of Education on June 17, 2020.
- Students must be making Satisfactory Academic Progress.
- Students must be enrolled in post-secondary classes.
- Students must be enrolled in ground-based programs.
- Students who were enrolled exclusively in an online program on March 13, 2020, the date of the President's Proclamation, are not eligible.
- Students enrolled in spring 2020 semester were given initial priority. Currently, NTC is awarding spring 2020 students still working to complete, as well as summer 2020 semester students.

Using the statutory requirement within the CARES Act that funds be used to cover expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19, reviewers verify eligibility based on demonstrated need due to disruption of College operations.

Students self-certify on the application that their request for CARES Act emergency student assistance funding is due to expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19. Eligible expenses that fall within a student's cost of attendance include:

- Course materials: printing of course materials due to campus closure; purchase of online access to course materials due to campus closure; purchase of tools/supplies due to campus closure; purchase of adaptive technology due to campus closure.
- New technology for online classes: eligible expenses include home computer, monitor, cables, enhanced internet, camera, microphone, mouse, phone, etc.
- Medical fees: eligible medical costs are any expenses related to the student's physical or mental welfare due to campus closure.
- Food: lack of access to Campus Cafe and TimberWolf Table (NTC's student food pantry) due to campus closure.
- Housing: change of residency due to campus closure; increased utilities usage due to campus closure.
- Childcare: change in childcare provider due to campus closure.
- Transportation: increased transportation costs due to campus closure.

- An additional expense category not part of a student's cost of attendance: other costs related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19 (spring 2020 only; summer 2020 does not include this category).

In keeping with guidance from the US Department of Education, NTC established a maximum funding threshold for each student to ensure funds are distributed as widely as possible. As a point of reference, the maximum Federal Pell Grant was used as NTC's threshold (for the 2019-2020 academic year, \$6,195).

- Instructions, directions, or guidance provided by NTC to students concerning the US Department of Education's Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students:
  - [CARES Student Email - Summer Funding Available](#) PDF
  - [MyNTC Student Center Communication - Funding Depleted](#) PDF
  - [CARES Email Communication for Spring 2020 completers](#) PDF
  - [Text for the CARES Act page in myNTC](#) PDF
  - [CARES Funding Approval Student Email](#) PDF
  - [CARES Funding Denial Student Email - Spring](#) PDF
  - [CARES Funding Denial Student Email - Summer](#) PDF
  - [CARES Funding Denial Email - Student is enrolled in Online Program - Spring](#) PDF
  - [CARES Funding Denial Email - Student is enrolled in Online Program - Summer](#) PDF
  - [CARES Funding Denial Email - Student Response to COVID-19 Emergency is NO - Spring](#) PDF
  - [CARES Funding Denial Email - Student Response to COVID-19 Emergency is NO - Summer](#) PDF
  - [CARES Funding Denial Email - Student Response to filing a FAFSA is NO - Spring](#) PDF

- [CARES Funding Denial Email - Student multiple request 5-14-20](#) PDF
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