

CARES Act: Emergency financial aid grants for post-secondary students

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, passed by Congress, provides funding to higher education institutions to assist students that have been impacted financially during the COVID-19 pandemic. Through the CARES Act, the GJCTC is providing emergency financial aid grants for post-secondary students to support students that have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The CARES Act requires all participating higher education institutions participating to provide access to the following information:

- The Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center (GJCTC) has signed and returned to the Department of Education on April 27, 2020 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.
- The total amount of funds that the GJCTC will receive or has received from the Department of Education pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students is **\$127,523**.
- The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under section 1800(a)(1) of the CARES Act of the date of submission i.e. as of the 30 day report is **\$127,571**.
- The total number of students eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants is **83**.
- A check to each student in the amount of **\$1537** was mailed on **July 7, 2020**.
- The GJCTC's method of determining of student eligibility for the Emergency Grants including the following:
 - The student must have been currently enrolled in a post-secondary program with the GJCTC at the time of the award.
 - The student must have completed a Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA).
 - The student must return an application for the Emergency Grant.
- Students were mailed an application via the US postal service along with a postage paid envelope to return the completed application by May 22, 2020.
- Students were provided guidance concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants via mail, telephone, personal communication.

GJCTC received \$127,523 in round 2 funding in July 2020. This funding was used for:

- Tractor/Trailer for Training Purposes
- Loss of revenue due to student drops as a result of COVID-19
- Emergency Relief to Students

GJCTC received \$244,954 in round 3 funding September 2020. This funding was used for equipment to support the following programs: cosmetology, welding, electrical technology, practical nursing, and mobile equipment operations.

Please contact GJCTC at (814) 266-6073 for more information.