

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Report – Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

July 8, 2021

Southern Technical College (OPE IDs: 02278800 and 03903500) received education stabilization funds under Section 18004(a)(1) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”), Public Law No: 116-136. This Fund Report applies to the student portion received under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund that is designated exclusively for emergency financial aid grants to students. Southern Technical College operates three campuses in OPE ID 02278800 and four campuses in OPE ID 03903500 under Title IV regulations.

The institution appreciates that Congress and the President have made these critical funds available for eligible students who have expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus pandemic. We take receipt of these federal funds seriously and are distributing them in accordance with the CARES Act and implementation guidance.

The institution is making the below information available for transparency purposes and in compliance with the U.S. Department of Education’s (“Department”) Electronic Announcement of May 6, 2020.¹ For questions or concerns regarding this Fund Report, please contact Reid Allison, CEO, at rallison@southernstech.edu.

1. The institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students. 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.
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 is \$1,936,627 (\$1,048,584 for 02278800 and \$888,043 for 03903500).
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 this Fund Report is \$2,752,350 (\$1,595,950 for 02278800 and \$1,156,400 for 03903500).
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 under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, is 2,283 (1,015 for 02278800 and 1,268 for 03903500).
5. The total number of students who have received an emergency financial aid grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of the date of this Fund Report is 2,271 (1,011 for 02278800 and 1,260 for 03903500).

¹ See: <https://ifap.ed.gov/electronic-announcements/050620HigherEdEmergencyReliefFundRptg>

6. The method 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 is:
 - i. The institution decided that any student who met one of the following criteria was negatively impacted by Covid-19 and therefore eligible for emergency relief: Active on April 27, 2020; on a leave of absence on April 27, 2020, or withdrew after March 13, 2020 through April 27, 2020 due to Covid related reasons.
 - ii. Students were required to complete the acknowledgment shown in Attachment A in order to receive funds.
 - iii. Students previously identified as Pell eligible were awarded \$1,000. All other eligible students were awarded \$300.
 - iv. Students who received an initial grant and were enrolled in one of the three campuses included in OPEID 02278800, and who were active or on a leave of absence on September 11, 2020, also received a supplemental grant of \$250.
 - v. Students who received an initial grant and were enrolled in one of the three campuses included in OPEID 02278800, and who were active or on a leave of absence on April 7, 2021, also received an additional supplemental grant. Students previously identified as Pell eligible were awarded \$1,600. All other eligible students were awarded \$400.

7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the emergency financial aid grants are provided at **Attachment A**.



Application and Acknowledgment for CARES Act Grant

STUDENT NAME: _____

STUDENT ID or LAST FOUR OF SSN: _____ CAMPUS: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

CURRENT PROGRAM: _____

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (“CARES”) Act includes emergency financial aid grants being made available to help students cover expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus. Grant amounts will be determined in part based on the most recent data provided on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and will be awarded after this Application and Acknowledgment has been completed and submitted. Southern Technical College is awarding grant funds to **ALL** eligible student applicants. Students enrolled in the Management Bachelor of Science degree program or the Medical Assisting Associate of Science degree program or students not eligible to complete a FAFSA are not eligible for this grant.

By initialing and signing below, you certify that the information provided on this document is accurate and that you have read and understood the entire form.

_____ I acknowledge that any CARES Act grant funds I receive are to be used by me for expenses that are related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus. These include (but are not limited to) food, housing, course materials, technology, healthcare, and child-care.

_____ I acknowledge that these funds will be paid directly to me by check, and that I will cash/deposit that check within sixty (60) days of the check date. If I fail to cash/deposit the check in that time, the funds will be forfeited and made available to other students.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Campus Administrator Signature: _____ Date: _____

Grant Awarded: _____