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Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act

Emergency CARES Funds Available to Southern Crescent Technical College Students Southern Crescent Technical College students who have been financially impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak can now access emergency funding through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Funding is now available through the Southern Crescent Technical College Financial Aid office to assist students with expenses related to disruptions to their education due to the pandemic.

In order to receive an Emergency CARES Funds Grant and using guidance from the Department of Education that limits who/what qualifies for a grant, students are asked to complete an application that is available online. Once submitted, it is reviewed to verify whether it qualifies. The deadline to submit an Emergency CARES Funds Grant application will be October 15, 2020.

Below are details about how these funds will work, and how you can apply:

- Students will apply for funding via an <u>online application</u>, where you will explain
 how you have been impacted and your overall financial need. Once the
 application has been submitted it will be forwarded to
 our <u>finaid@sctech.edu</u> email
- We anticipate a high volume of applications that will be processed on a first come first serve basis
- These funds are similar to the Pell grant, and do not need to be repaid
- CARES funds are limited; therefore, eligible students will receive a maximum amount of \$500.00
- To be eligible, students must:
 - Currently be enrolled at SCTC
 - Have submitted a 2020-2021 FAFSA
 - Be eligible to receive title IV funds (Pell and Federal Student loans)
 - Be making Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)
 - Not be in default or have an overpayment

Students who wish to apply for the Emergency CARES Funds Grant, who have not completed the 2020-2021 FAFSA, are encouraged to complete the <u>2020-2021</u> FAFSA by October 15,2020.

CARES Act

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act was passed by Congress and signed into law to provide economic relief from COVID-19. One section of the CARES act established the Higher Education Emergency Relief fund and sent money to schools to use for emergency financial aid grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the pandemic.

Southern Crescent Technical College has received \$1,956,144.00 for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to disburse to students. As of August 20, 2020, Southern Crescent Technical College has disbursed \$1,750,800.00 in Emergency Financial Aid Grant Funds to the following number of students by term:

- 2,549 students who were enrolled in spring 2020 classes
- 1,291 students who were enrolled in summer 2020 classes

Financial Aid Administrator 770-228-7368

Customer Service Survey: https://capture.sctech.edu/g/42
Southern Crescent Technical College FAFSA Federal School Code is 005621

*Beginning October 1, 2019 complete your 2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

at https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa for Fall 2020, Spring 2021, and Summer 2021. You will need your 2018 tax return.