



Dalton State in accordance with the public reporting requirements related to federal CARES funding -

1. Acknowledges that the institution signed and returned to the Department 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.
2. Dalton State has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students \$4,768,304.00 from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund and \$296,782.00 as a Developing Hispanic Serving Institution under the Emergency Relief for Minority Serving Institutions.
3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of June 30, 2020 is \$3,327,495.00
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 to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is 3,204.
5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is 3,105.
6. 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.

Funds were initially distributed to all eligible students currently enrolled as of Student eligibility was determined through FAFSA completion. Students who were enrolled in completely online programs and/or not making satisfactory academic progress were considered ineligible. Currently enrolled students who had previously completed a FAFSA were awarded \$300 per student. Pell recipients received an additional \$400. A second disbursement was made in mid-June to students who met the above criteria and were enrolled in summer school. This group received \$400 per student and Pell recipients received an additional \$400.

Three hundred and thirty-five thousand dollars was deposited in an emergency student aid fund open to all students. No awards are made in excess of \$6,000. Any currently enrolled student may apply for financial assistance from the fund which can be used to alleviate financial challenges resulting from health or medical needs, travel assistance,

housing assistance, financial support, food insecurity or other needs. Eligibility will be determined through FAFSA completion.

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

The following email was sent to all students notifying them of their award.

Dear DSC Student,

DSC is committed to doing everything in our power to help our students overcome academic and financial barriers on their paths to graduation. To this end, the college will use resources from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to assist students during this difficult time.

DSC will use CARES Act funding to provide DSC CARES Program grants to eligible students currently enrolled for spring semester who have experienced educational disruptions due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The funds will begin to be disbursed automatically to eligible students beginning April 29, 2020.

Each student must select a refund preference to receive DSC CARES funds in a timely manner. Failure to complete this process will delay receipt of the funds for a minimum of 14 days.

For those students who are not eligible for CARES Act funding, please know that the Dalton State Foundation is partnering with DSC's Office of Financial Aid to provide additional resources to assist with emergency needs. Please contact the Office of Financial Aid for assistance.

We hope that the various resources DSC is providing will reduce the burdens faced by a number of you. We understand how stressful and challenging this time is, and we appreciate your patience as we navigate these difficult times together.