

Kankakee Community College

Hello,

You are receiving this email because you are enrolled at KCC for the Spring 2020 semester.

Federal Emergency Stimulus Funding (CARES Act) for Colleges and Universities is now available at KCC.

The funds are designed to "assist with expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus (including eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and childcare)," according to the U.S. Department of Education.

The following information applies to applications and disbursement at KCC:

- To apply for CARES Act funds, you must also be eligible to file a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).
- Most KCC credit division students who were enrolled during the Spring 2020, or who are registered for Summer 2020, are eligible to apply.
- You don't have to already be receiving financial aid.
- For those who do receive financial aid, funds from the CARES Act will not affect that money.
- CARES Act funds are not available to select groups, including international students, Adult Education and other non-credit students, according to the relief fund guidelines. Emergency funding from the KCC Foundation is available to these student populations.

- Please contact the KCC Financial Aid Office for more information on emergency funds.
- There is an application, which includes a demonstration of need. Amounts given will vary by student based on their individual need and financial strain. Once the funds are disbursed, applications will no longer be accepted.
- It will take up to 2 weeks to determine eligibility, process requests, print and send checks. The first checks are expected to be sent by the end of May.
- Learn more and apply on the <u>CARES Act information</u> page.

KCC received about \$633,000 in CARES Act funds.

We understand that this is a difficult time for you, our students. The interruption in academics which began in March is ongoing, and your sacrifices due to the COVID-19 pandemic are also continuing. We will distribute these funds in a responsible manner, and will try to assist as many students as possible.

Thank you for your patience during this process.

Sincerely,

KCC Office of Financial Aid