



## CARES Act Student Emergency Aid Application Criteria and Process

Section 1804(a)(1) of the CARES Act, Pub. L. No. 116-136, authorizes the Secretary of Education to allocate grant funds college students whose lives may have been disrupted by the Coronavirus, many of whom are facing financial challenges and struggling to make ends meet.

Only students who are or could be eligible under [Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965](#), as amended, may receive emergency financial aid grants. Students who have completed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2019/2020 year and reported that information to Dixie Tech, met the other eligibility requirements under Section 484, and were enrolled in certificate programs on March 27, 2020, may receive emergency financial aid grants. Student who withdrew are not eligible for grants.

The funds shall not be used for any purpose other than the direct payment of grants to students for their expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child-care.

Based on this information, Dixie Tech Student Services in conjunction with the Office of the President has established the following procedure for the distribution of these funds:

### **FUNDING MECHANISMS:**

Students who are eligible as set forth above will be eligible to receive one share of the funds. Student who are eligible for Pell (who have an EFC score of 5576 or below) will be eligible to receive one and half shares.

The maximum amount any student may receive is \$700. Students may not receive more than the amount of expenses they identify as relating to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child-care.

If all the currently eligible students agree to accept aid, the amount distributed to Pell eligible students would be approximately \$628, and other eligible students

approximately \$419. These amounts may increase if some students decline the financial aid grant, or have less expenses than they are eligible for.

The allocation to be awarded for emergency financial aid grants to Dixie Tech students is \$101,403.

Any remaining funds will be held for future distributions to students.

**PROCEDURE:**

- 1- The Financial Aid Office will generate a list of eligible students for emergency grant funding.
- 2- The Financial Aid Office in conjunction with Student Services will send an agreement to each eligible student by email to determine if the student would like to accept or deny the financial aid grant and the amount of aid each student is requesting to cover their expenses as set forth above. The students will be required to electronically sign the agreement to receive the aid. The deadline to sign and return the agreement is June 19, 2020, which may be extended at the discretion of the Financial Aid Manager.
- 3- The Finance Aid Office in conjunction with the Finance Office will utilize the address of for each student and mail financial aid grant checks to those who qualify and accept.
- 4- A record of those who accept and reject financial aid grants will be maintained.