MEMORANDUM

To: PVAMU Campus Community

From: Sarina Willis, PhD, Vice President for Enrollment Management

Date: January 28, 2021

Re: Spring 2021 CARES Act Emergency Funding for Students

The university will continue to award funds from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding. The Act provides federal aid to institutions of higher education to help students cover expenses related to disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19. Eligible expenses include areas such as tuition and fees, housing, food, course materials, technology, healthcare, childcare and other costs related to completing your education.

Students enrolled in the spring 2021 semester will be able to apply for CARES Act relief funds.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Applicants must be enrolled at PVAMU at the time of application and disbursement of funds;
- Applicants must be able to provide any and all documentation to support the need if requested;
- Applicants must have a 2020-2021 FAFSA on file at PVAMU at the time of application;
- Applicants must not have been enrolled in an exclusively online program prior to March 13, 2020 (i.e., MS in Juvenile Justice);
- Applicant must be enrolled or accepted for enrollment in a degree, certificate, or other recognized educational credential (including a program of study abroad approved for credit by PVAMU);
- Applicant must not be enrolled in elementary or secondary school and have a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent;
- Applicant must be in good standing at the university (satisfactory academic progress (SAP));
- Applicant must not owe an overpayment (refund) on Title IV grants and not be in default on a Title IV loan;
• Applicant must have filed with the Department of Education “as part of the original financial aid application process” a certification (Statement of Educational Purpose) that includes:
  o A statement of educational purpose, and
  o The student’s Social Security Number (SSN);
• Applicant must be a U.S. citizen or national, a permanent resident, or an eligible noncitizen;
• Applicant must have returned any fraudulently obtained Title IV funds if the student is convicted of or pled guilty or no contest to charges;
• Applicant must not have fraudulently received Title IV loans in excess of annual or aggregate limits;
• Applicant must have repaid any Title IV loan overpayment amounts in excess of annual or aggregate limits if obtained inadvertently;
• Applicant must have his Selective Service registration verified (the Title IV aid ineligibility for failure to register is actually in the Selective Service Act §3811(f));
• Applicant must have a valid SSN, except for residents of the Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands, or the Republic of Palau;
• Applicant must not have a federal or state conviction for drug possession or sale, with certain time limitations.

Application Process:

Eligible students enrolled in spring 2021 can complete the online application form that will be available on the CARES Act website. An FAQ page with further details is available on the university COVID-19 website.

Process Dates:

Application period: January 27, 2021 – February 4, 2021
Disbursement period begins February 8, 2021

CARES Act Application for Spring 2021 Enrolled Students:

pvamu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3Oeksk8clsthIdE