



PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

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MEMORANDUM

To: PVAMU Campus Community

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

Date: August 7, 2020

Re: Fall 2020 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 the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19. Eligible expenses include areas such as food, housing, utilities, course materials, technology, healthcare, childcare, and moving/transportation expenses.

Fund Distribution

Students enrolled in the **fall 2020 semester** will be able to apply for CARES Act relief funds following the process below. Eligible students may receive relief funding of up to \$1000. The university recognizes that even if support is allocated up to \$1,000, additional expenses may remain. PVAMU will continue to pursue additional opportunities for support when possible.

Student Eligibility

Students meeting established eligibility guidelines with qualifying expenses will be considered for CARES Act funding. Federal eligibility requirements include:

- Being enrolled or accepted for enrollment in a degree, certificate or other recognized educational credential (including a program of study abroad approved for credit by the eligible institution at which such student is enrolled)--that is, a regular student under 34 CFR 600.2);

- Not being enrolled in elementary or secondary school and have a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent;
- Maintaining satisfactory academic progress (SAP) if the student is a currently enrolled student;
- Not owing an overpayment (refund) on Title IV grants;
- Not being in default on a Title IV loan;
- Filed with ED “as part of the original financial aid application process” a certification (Statement of Educational Purpose) that includes:
 - A statement of educational purpose, and
 - The student’s Social Security Number (SSN);
- Being a U.S citizen or national, a permanent resident, or an eligible noncitizen;
- Having returned any fraudulently obtained Title IV funds, if the student is convicted of or pled guilty or no contest to charges;
- Not having fraudulently received Title IV loans in excess of annual or aggregate limits;
- Having repaid any Title IV loan overpayment amounts in excess of annual or aggregate limits, if obtained inadvertently;
- Having Selective Service registration verified (the Title IV aid ineligibility for failure to register is actually in the Selective Service Act §3811(f));
- Having a valid SSN, except for residents of the Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands, or the Republic of Palau; and
- Not having a federal or state conviction for drug possession or sale, with certain time limitations.
- Students enrolled in exclusively online programs prior to March 13, 2020, are not eligible.
- Must have a 2019-2020 or 2020-2021 FAFSA on file at time of review

Application Process

Eligible students enrolled in fall 2020 can complete the online application form, that will be available on the CARES Act website, to request support of up to \$1,000. An FAQ page with further details is available on the university COVID-19 website shortly.

Process dates:

Application period: August 10, 2020 – August 26, 2020

Review period: August 31, 2020 – until reviews are completed

Disbursement period: Begins September 22, 2020, and will continue until completed

Please note, no CARES Act funds will be disbursed before September 22, 2020, please ensure that you make payment arrangements for your bill and do not depend on the approval and disbursement of CARES Act funds.

To learn more about Prairie View A&M University’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic, visit the [COVID-19 Updates website](#).