CARES Act to help Minneapolis College students stay on course

Minneapolis College has received more than $2.3 million in Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding from the federal government that will be distributed directly to its students.

Eligibility

Students who qualify to receive funding through Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and are enrolled in Spring Semester 2020 as of March 6, 2020 are eligible to receive CARES Act funding with the following exceptions:

- Concurrent high school students
- Postsecondary enrollment option students (PSEO & D3)
- Students being assessed a senior citizen tuition rate
- Students enrolled in non-credit courses
- International students
- DACA students
- Minnesota State employees utilizing tuition waiver benefits per bargaining unit contracts
- Students enrolled only in online courses (These students may be eligible for emergency grants.)
- Additional exceptions may apply

Disbursement

Eligible students will each receive $100. Pell Grant recipients will receive additional funds based on their credit load as of March 6. Payments will be paid via the college’s third-party contractor BankMobile. Students who are set up with direct deposit can expect to see their funds on or around May 8, 2020. Eligible students will be notified about their CARES funds in eServices (see below). Log in and then select Financial Aid.

Emergency Grants

Twenty percent of the College’s allotment of CARES funding is designated for emergency grants for students. Eligible students can apply for up to $1,000 in additional emergency funds to be used for food, housing, course materials, health care, childcare, transportation and technology-related expenses incurred due to a disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. While students taking only online courses are not eligible for the initial disbursement of funds, they may be eligible for an emergency grant.

Additional information regarding CARES funds for Minneapolis College students is available online at Minneapolis.edu and at AskUs. Detailed information about these funds is available through the US Department of Education.