



CARES Act Emergency Financial Aid for Students

On April 29, 2020, Georgia Piedmont Technical College signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

Total Federal Aid Funds Provided to Georgia Piedmont Technical College for Student Financial Aid

The total amount of funds that the institution has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students was \$1,349,726.

Total Amount of Federal Aid Distributed to Students

As of June 2, 2020, a total of \$571,200 has been distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

Estimated Number of Students Eligible to Participate under Section 4848 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965

There are approximately 1,270 students at Georgia Piedmont Technical College (GPTC) eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

Total Number of Students Who Have Received Emergency Financial under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act

Approximately 620 students have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004(a) (1) of the CARES Act as of June 2, 2020.

Methods Used by Georgia Piedmont Technical College to Determine Students' Eligibility and Amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grant Under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

As of March 13, 2020, students must be eligible to participate in Title IV program under Section 484 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA). For purposes of disbursement of these funds, students' 2019-2020 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) was used to determine eligibility.

Upon receipt of the Grant Award Notification (GANS) from the Department of Education, Georgia Piedmont Technical College promptly made available emergency financial aid grants as funded by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act directly to students enrolled in the Spring 2020 semester for their expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID 19, (including eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care) as required by Section 18004(c) of the CARES Act.

Based on recommendations from the Department of Education, consideration of socioeconomic circumstances for awarding grant funds were implemented and GPTC elected to use EFC as well as full-time/part-time enrollment to determine award amounts. The award amounts consisted of four tiers:

- Tier 1: FT students (12+ hours) & zero EFC
- Tier 2: PT students (<12 hours) & zero EFC
- Tier 3: FT students (12+ hours) & EFC > 0

- Tier 4: PT students (<12 hours) & EFC > 0

Based on this data, the award amounts are listed below. Any remaining funds would be made available for subsequent terms for eligible students or students that become eligible after the initial disbursement of funds. Students were notified of their award, via their student email, and advised to create a Bank Mobile account for the disbursement process.

| Tier | Criteria | Amount |
|-------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1 | FT & Zero EFC | \$ 1,150.00 |
| 2 | PT & Zero EFC | \$ 950.00 |
| 3 | FT & EFC > 0 | \$ 750.00 |
| 4 | PT & EFC > 0 | \$ 550.00 |

The following has been provided to Georgia Piedmont Technical College students regarding the CARES Act.

Georgia Piedmont Technical College disseminated information that included:

- Notice of the CARES Act, explaining to students that they met eligibility requirements for the grant and that the funds were to be used for purposes related to the disruption of courses on campus.
- Notice to students who had not completed the FAFSA with instructions
- An electronic application to be completed and submitted to the Office of Student Financial Aid for review and processing
- An award notification once CARES funds were applied
- Information on the disbursement of funds

Students who feel they meet the eligibility guidelines are able to submit an application to be reviewed by the Office of Student Financial Aid. Remaining CARES Act funds are available to qualifying students until either the funds are depleted or the end of the award period, May 6, 2021.