

Mifflin County Academy of Science and Technology

CARES #1 Reporting

1. An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used, or intends to use, no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
  - a. *CARES #1 Certification and Agreement, signed on 4/20/2020 was submitted via grants.gov on 4/22/2020.*
  - b. *CARES #1 was disbursed in full to students on 5/15/2020.*
  
2. The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
  - a. *CARES #1 was submitted to grants.gov for the Mifflin County Academy of Science and Technology to receive \$58,884.00*
  - b. *CARES #1 was received in the school's G5 account on 5/13/2020*
  
3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the 30-day Report and every 45 days thereafter).
  - a. *CARES #1 was disbursed in full (\$58,884.00) to students on 5/15/2020.*
  - b. *All the CARES #1 funds were disbursed*
  
4. The estimated total number of students at the institution 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.

- a. *CARES #1 funds, \$58,884.00 was divided equally to the 16 students who applied and were eligible for the grant.*
- b. *Each student received \$3,680.25. Each student was sent a check via USPS on 5/15/2020.*

5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

- a. *16 students received the grant. (17 are currently enrolled)*

6. The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

- a. *Students received an email with the details (see #7). The Practical Nursing Coordinator also informed students of the grants during online classes (Zoom lectures and also recorded for any not in attendance in person)*
- b. *Funds were divided equally as felt that all applicants were financially impacted by COVID-19.*
- c. *Students needed to:*

1. *Submit an application*
2. *Be Title IV eligible*
3. *Demonstrate financial need*

7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

- a. *See attached survey and copy of letter accompanying the checks mailed*

## Alicia Lentz

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**From:** Alicia Lentz  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 30, 2020 11:48 AM  
**To:** AndreaA; BrianaB; CassandraS; ChanceA; ClarissaK; DanielleS; DiegoA; JanelleA; Karak;  
KylieK; MichelleC; NikkiC; PlodeM; rejinaL; SarahS; SavannahD; TiahnaS  
**Subject:** CARES Act grant funds

PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING SURVEY AND RETURN TO ME BY MAY 7, 2020

Dear Class 118,

In response to COVID-19, the federal government has introduced a new law, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act. Also known as the CARES Act, this law provides some relief to student borrowers.

Student Loan Payment Pause

**One of the main features of the CARES Act is a 6-month automatic suspension of principal and interest payments on certain federal student loans. This automatic payment pause ends on September 30, 2020.**

Your Mifflin Co Academy of Science and Technology (Academy) loans are eligible, you don't have to make any principal or interest payments till September 30, 2020.

You don't need to apply for the student loan payment pause benefit. The payment pause and interest waiver is automatically applied to your loan. However, don't just take this for granted. It is always a good idea to log in to your account to confirm that your federal student loans are not accruing any interest

**Mifflin County Academy of Science and Technology (Academy) Emergency CARES Grant**

The Academy Emergency CARES Grant is provided by the U.S. Government to support students that have been negatively impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. This funding is available through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

These emergency grants will assist students experiencing financial hardships with expenses related to the disruption of campus operations, including, but not limited to:

- Assistance with the purchase of food,
- Needs related to housing/rent/utilities,
- The purchase of course materials,
- Technology related needs,
- Assistance with health care and/or childcare expenses.

The grant specifies eligibility as:

- A student who is currently enrolled in Academy PN diploma program for Spring 2020 Semester on or after March 13, 2020.
- A student who is or could be eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), may receive emergency financial aid grants. If a student has filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), then the student has demonstrated eligibility to participate in programs under Section 484 the HEA. Students who have not filed a FAFSA but who are eligible to file a FAFSA also may receive emergency financial aid grants. (All Academy PN students are eligible)
- A student who has been adversely impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic and has an emergency need.
- A student who is a US citizen or must meet the definition of an eligible non-citizen based on federal financial aid requirements.

We have determined that all of Class 118 would qualify for grant funds as described. We want to be sure you understand the following:

- **The funds must be used to cover expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus that have impacted a student's educational experience, including the allowable expenses listed above.**

For potential audits of use of these funds, we request you complete the following questions and return this page to us for your file (you may copy and sign or return by email – type in your name as a signature)

**CARES Act Funds use**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

1) Describe how the COVID-19 situation has impacted you financially.

2) Please select one option that best describes your employment status.

- \_\_\_\_\_ I am still working at my job with the same hours that I had pre COVID-19
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am still working at my job with the MORE hours that I had pre COVID-19
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am still working at my job with the LESS hours that I had pre COVID-19
- \_\_\_\_\_ I got furloughed from my job d/t COVID -19

Other (Please explain in area below)

3) For what types of cost will you apply your grant funds? Select all that apply.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Relocation Expenses (transportation costs, moving expenses)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cost-of-Living Expenses (food, rental assistance, transportation)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Instructional Expenses (technology, internet access, academic materials)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Health Care Expenses (medical/mental health treatment, doctor's appointments)

Other (Please explain in area below)

- I acknowledge and verify that the above-mentioned personal information is authentic.
- I understand that my personal information will be shared with Academy Adult Education staff, and that FERPA and HIPPA do not apply, as I have voluntarily shared this information for the grant application.
- I understand that the Academy will only share my personal information with those who have a legitimate need to know as they review my application.

By signing below, I agree to the information above.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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May 15, 2020

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Dear Practical Nursing Student:

You are receiving this check related to the information you have provided to the school through your financial aid application showing your economic need (your 2019/20 FAFSA form) and by completing a recent survey documenting what impact the closure of in-person coursework due to the COVID 19 pandemic has had on your personal situation.

Just as a reminder to you, the following was part of the survey sent to you to help determine your eligibility for funds:

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These emergency grants are intended to be used for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations, including, but not limited to:

- Assistance with the purchase of food,
- Needs related to housing/rent/utilities,
- The purchase of course materials,
- Technology related needs,
- Assistance with health care and/or childcare expenses.”

We are not currently being required to provide any documentation related to how students use the funds provided.

We hope that this money will help you be able to focus your full attention on completing your nursing program successfully.

Sincerely,

Mike McMonigal  
Supervisor of Adult and Post-Secondary Education

Alicia B. Lentz  
Program Coordinator