

**Atlanta Metropolitan State College in accordance with the public reporting requirements related to federal CARES funding –**

1. Acknowledges 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.
2. Atlanta Metropolitan State College has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students \$1,074,797 from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund.
3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of June 30, 2020 is \$1,074,797.00.
4. The estimated total number of students at the institution eligible to participate in the Federal student financial aid programs under Section 484 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, and thus are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is 1,186 for Spring 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 is 1,044.
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.

AMSC determined the most equitable distribution would be tiered, based on Expected Family Contribution (EFC). To qualify for funding students must be eligible for Title IV financial aid and have a student type of either Continuing/Returning, New Freshman, New Transfer or Post- Baccalaureate and enrolled Spring 2020. Students who were International (based on admit type), Undocumented (no Lawful Presence), Transient, Dual Enrollment and Exclusively Online were considered ineligible.

The payment distribution to students was tiered based on the Expected Family Contribution (EFC).

Payment Tiers (based on Expected Family Contribution)

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| • \$1200 | \$0 EFC             | 657 students |
| • \$750  | \$1 - \$1500 EFC    | 108 students |
| • \$600  | \$1501 - \$5000 EFC | 120 students |
| • \$300  | \$5000+             | 301 students |

The remaining funds after the initial distribution were allocated as an Emergency Grant Fund and open to students who experienced financial challenges after March 13, 2020. The funds were disbursed on a first come, first serve basis. Students who enrolled in fully online programs, dual enrollment, transient, non-degree and international students were not eligible for the additional emergency grant funding. To be eligible the student had to complete an Emergency Grant Funding Application, have a completed a 2019-2020 FAFSA on file and provide proof of a documented financial need. A completed application did not guarantee approval. If an application was submitted without appropriate documentation, it was deemed incomplete and was not considered for funding. Due to the expected volume of applications and limited funding, there was not an appeal process.

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

**The following email was sent to eligible students notifying them of their grant award.**

Recently, the federal government passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, which includes direct monetary grants to qualified college students, to help offset financial challenges caused by the disruption in campus operations in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Atlanta Metropolitan State College has determined you are eligible for the CARES Act Emergency Grant Funding. Grant amounts will vary based on each student's eligibility status and the amounts will vary from \$300 to about \$1,200.

We will start processing refunds for CARES Act Emergency Grant Funding next week. All refunds for students will be sent via our third-party refund processor – BankMobile. It is imperative that students' have selected a preference in BankMobile to receive the funding. If you have not yet selected a refund preference, please consider choosing an electronic refund preference. When an option is not selected, you will be sent a check and the delivery of your funds can take up to 21 days, plus USPS delivery timeframes.

The electronic options are the most reliable and safest to receive your funds:

- Deposit to an existing account - Your money will arrive 1-2 business days after BankMobile receives the funds from our school.
- Deposit to a BankMobile Vibe Checking Account - Your money will arrive the same business day BankMobile receives the funds from our school.

To select how you would like your money delivered:

- Visit [RefundSelection.com](https://RefundSelection.com)

- Enter your BankMobile Personal Code or choose to get an instant personal code
- Choose your preferred delivery method

Make a selection now and avoid any delays in receiving your refund!

**The following email was sent to all students notifying them of additional funding and how to apply for the Emergency Grant.**

Recently, the federal government passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, which includes direct monetary grants to qualified college students, to help offset financial challenges caused by the disruption in campus operations in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and other financial hardships.

**Who is Eligible?**

Students currently enrolled at Atlanta Metropolitan State College (AMSC) and those who may have already received a CARES Grant from AMSC may be able to receive additional emergency funds for qualifying, documented financial needs. Grants may be provided to students who submit documentation for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus, including eligible cost of attendance expenses such as housing, food, technology, and child care expenses incurred after March 13, 2020.

Students should apply early as funds will be disbursed on a first come first served basis. Students who are enrolled in fully online programs, dual enrollment, transient, non-degree and international students are not eligible for funding.

To be considered eligible for the grant, students must have a 2019-2020 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) on file with AMSC. Students who do not currently have a FAFSA on file can submit the application online at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>; in order to have eligibility for the grant confirmed within the distribution timeline, AMSC must receive the 2019-2020 FAFSA no later than June 5, 2020. To meet this deadline, students are strongly encouraged to submit the FAFSA as soon as possible.

Suggested documentation for each category of expense includes:

- Housing disruption: evidence of continued payments for local lease after moving home, payments for unexpected moving expenses
- Food: explanation of need associated with unexpected food costs
- Technology needed to continue learning in an online environment
- Child care disruption: evidence of payment for unexpected child care costs

- Other: evidence of payment associated with disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus

A completed application does not guarantee that you will receive funding. If an application is submitted without appropriate documentation, it will be deemed incomplete and will not be considered for funding. Due to the expected volume of applications and limited funding, there will not be an appeal process.

#### How to Apply

The application opens on Thursday, May 28th. To apply for the CARES Act Emergency Fund grant, click the following link: [CARES\\_APPLICATION](#) to access the application. You must complete all required fields and upload at least one supporting document to successfully submit the application. The deadline to apply is June 19, 2020.

#### How will I receive the Funds?

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#### Contact Information

For answers to questions, send questions to [caresact@atlm.edu](mailto:caresact@atlm.edu)