

The U.S. Department of Education has distributed funds to community colleges to provide direct emergency cash grants to college students whose lives and education have been disrupted by the coronavirus outbreak. 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 are intended to assist students with expenses related to disruptions to their education due to the COVID-19 outbreak, including childcare, food, healthcare/medical, housing (including increased utility costs), technology (including computer or WiFi access for online classes), and other items.

Randolph Community College signed and returned the Certification and Agreement to the U.S. Department of Education and the assurance that RCC 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. RCC received \$632,128 in funds, and we will apply for additional funds as they become available.

The total number of students at Randolph Community College in spring was 2,806 students. RCC sent electronic applications to the 1,965 students 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 under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. Only students who are 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. Students must be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen, have a valid Social Security number, be registered with the Selective Service (if male), and have a high school diploma or GED. Students who were only enrolled in online courses as of March 13 are not eligible to receive the grants. Any student who receives a grant will receive an equal share of the student aid funding.

The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to date is \$339,000. The total number of students to date who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is 226 students.

RCC also applied for and received institutional funds under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund of \$632,127 which are being used to cover any costs associated with significant changes to the delivery of instruction due to the coronavirus so long as such costs do not include payment to contractor for the provision of pre-enrollment activities, including marketing and advertising, endowments, or capital outlays associated with facilities related to athletics, sectarian instruction, or religious worship.