

## Spokane Falls Community College and the CARES Act

On April 10, 2020, SFCC signed and agreed to the terms of the CARES Act Certification and Agreement and assurances to use no less than 50% of the funds received to provide emergency financial aid grants to SFCC students.

SFCC has been allocated \$1,729,157 of CARES Act funding for emergency financial aid grants to students. To date, 2,094 students have been disbursed a total of \$1,136,780.

Approximately 2,340 SFCC students are eligible for CARES Act funds.

SFCC directly disbursed \$350.00 of SFCC CARES Emergency Financial Aid Grant to all eligible students to help meet their expenses due to the disruption of campus operations and the move of all on-campus courses to an online modality as a result of COVID-19.

SFCC determined \$350 would provide immediate support for students that incurred additional expenses due to the change to an online modality. SFCC students may apply for an additional \$1,000 in grant funds, in addition to the direct disbursement received, to meet their additional expenses due to the disruption of campus operations caused by COVID-19.

The changes, limitations, and disruption of campus operations continues and will continue in the following quarters. Students continue to incur technology expenses, i.e. internet access, software, etc. and will for the following quarters. To support students with the ongoing expenses due to COVID-19, SFCC made a decision to disburse additional CARES funds not yet expended and provide an additional \$150 additional CARES emergency funds to all eligible students enrolled spring quarter totaling \$500 in emergency aid to support each eligible student that has incurred expenses due to disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19.

Each student that received a direct disbursement was sent the following message:

### ***EMERGENCY RELIEF FUNDS ARE HERE!***

Under the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Spokane Falls Community College is providing emergency financial aid grants to students for expenses such as technology, courses materials, tuition and fees, food, housing, health care, and child care related to the disruption of campus operations due to Coronavirus. This emergency grant does not have to be repaid and it is not part of Title IV federal student aid funds. This is free money to help you meet expenses related to COVID-19.

SFCC understands that our spring enrolled students experienced disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus. Our records show that you are enrolled spring quarter, therefore, you have been disbursed emergency grant funds. **These emergency grant funds have been paid directly to you, no funds were used to pay any spring balance remaining on your SFCC student account. If you have a balance, you may use these funds to pay any remaining balance.**

Your emergency grant funds were sent to Bank Mobile. If you do not have a Bank Mobile account, please follow the link below for information on establishing your refund preference: <https://www.refundselection.com/refundselection/#/welcome/continue>

[If you are experiencing unusual hardship, you may apply for additional emergency funds at:  
https://apps.spokane.edu/CCSONlineSurvey/Default.aspx?SurveyID=1371&TallyID=1797](https://apps.spokane.edu/CCSONlineSurvey/Default.aspx?SurveyID=1371&TallyID=1797)

Wishing you a successful spring quarter!