CARES Act

Important Notices to Students: All CARES Act Emergency Funds have been allocated to students who applied prior to June 6, 2020. No further funding is available at this time.

TTUHSC El Paso has received federal funding from the CARES Act, which provides assistance for student expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus. Students can request funds in these categories:

- Food
- Housing
- Course Materials
- Technology
- Health Care
- Childcare expenses
- Other Expenses (Expenses that do not fit any of the above)

Am I eligible?

You may be eligible for CARES Act funding if you are a degree-seeking student enrolled in at least one face-to-face course during the 2020 spring semester.

*International, dual credit, non-U.S.-citizen, non-degree-seeking students, and students enrolled exclusively in online courses prior to March 13, 2020 are not eligible for CARES Act funding.*

How do I apply?

All CARES Act funds have been exhausted at this time.

FAQs

- What is the CARES Act?

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act is federal legislation that provides a variety of financial support to individuals and organizations affected by the COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) pandemic. The CARES Act includes a Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) that provides more than $14 billion in emergency funding to higher education. Of those funds, more than $6 billion must go directly to students in the form of emergency financial aid grants (HEERF-student share) for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the COVID-19 crisis. Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso will receive a total of $422,576 of which at least half ($211,288) must be provided directly to students for their expenses.
related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child-care. The other half may be used by the university to cover costs associated with significant changes to the delivery of instruction due to the coronavirus.

- **How much will I receive?**

  We are committed to assisting all eligible students that may have been impacted by the coronavirus pandemic to the greatest extent possible with the CARES Act funds available. You should request funds based on your actual financial need for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child-care, for the time period of the emergency. At this time, funds are limited, and grants are available up to $1200.

- **How will I receive this money?**

  Emergency grants will be processed through accounts payable.

  If you have direct deposit set up an ACH will be sent directly to your bank account on file.

  If you don’t have direct deposit set up, you will receive a check by mail.

  You will be notify by email tell you CARES act funds have been awarded to you regards of the actual disbursement type.

- **Do I need to repay the money?**

  No, you will not need to repay any money received through this fund.

- **Does this funding affect my other financial aid?**

  No. This is an emergency grant to help you manage unexpected expenses related to the coronavirus, and it will not have any impact on other financial aid you may be eligible to receive.

- **What if I still have an account balance?**

  Any CARES Act funding awarded to you will be paid to you directly, and it will not cover any outstanding balances owed to TTUHSC El Paso. Any outstanding balance owed to TTUHSC El Paso will remain the responsibility of the student.

- **Are the Emergency Grants taxable?**

  Current guidance from the U.S. Treasury Department states that these emergency grant are non-taxable.
CARES Act Reporting and Disclosure.

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Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso acknowledges that the institution has signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education the Certification and Agreement on May 8, 2020. TTUHSC El Paso will 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.

The total amount of funds TTUHSC El Paso received on July 2, 2020 from the U.S. Department of Education for distribution for emergency grants to students is $211,288.

The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under section 18004(a) (1) of the CARES Act as of July 8, 2020, is $211,288.

The estimated total number of students at TTUHSC El Paso eligible to participate in programs under section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and meet the eligibility to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants under section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is 629.

The total number of unduplicated students, as of July 8, 2020, who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is 197. There were 354 applications submitted (157 second round applications)

The methods used to determine which and how much students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants are as follows –

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso is using an application process for eligible students to request funds for the emergency grants to students. In the first month, students were eligible to apply for up to $800 for food, housing, technology, course materials, or other expenses related to the disruption to campus in Spring 2020. At the end of May 2020, TTUHSC El Paso awarded an additional amount up to $400 to 157 previous applicants who had originally requested more than $800.

The announcement and instructions to students were provided in an e-mail announcement from the Student Wellness Office and through a webpage created solely for the purpose of the CARES Act: https://elpaso.ttuhscc.edu/studentservices/Financial-Aid/covid19-cares-act.aspx
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The total amount of funds TTUHSC El Paso received on July 2, 2020 from the U.S. Department of Education for institutional costs is $211,288.

TTUHSC El Paso Allocations

The Institutional Portion of the CARES Act has been allocated to cover costs incurred since March 13, 2020 related to supporting student educational experiences due to transition to temporary hybrid and online learning experiences, including:

- UWorld for STEP and NCLEX Extension
- Clinical Simulation software and equipment
- Zoom for redundant synchronous meeting solutions
- Faculty and staff training
- Commercial online educational and clinical resources
- eLearning authoring and course development resources
- Library equipment for safe study spaces

Portion allocated or committed to date

97.5%

US Department of Education FAQ

Institutional Portion of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund under Section 18004(a)(1) and 18004(c) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act

https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/heerfinstitutionalFAQs.pdf