



# CARES Act: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund

Many students are experiencing unexpected expenses related to the disruption of campus operations as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Navarro College received a Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF) grant created under the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, which will be used to advance our commitment to helping our students affected by the current COVID-19 crises. The CARES Act Emergency Aid provides financial aid grants to students whose lives have been disrupted, many of whom are facing financial challenges and struggling to make ends meet.

## First Round Fund Distribution Timeline:

- Application Opens: Friday, July 10th, 2020
- Application Deadline: 5:00 pm on Monday, July 20th, 2020
- Applicants Notified By: Monday, July 27th, 2020

*UPDATE: Those awarded will be notified by Monday, July 27th. Awards will take 3-5 business days for processing.*

## CARES Act: Who Can Apply?

- Navarro College students who attended a **face-to-face class as of March 6, 2020**. Students who attended exclusively online as of this date are not eligible.
- Title IV eligible enrolled students. This is determined by having a filed and processed **2019-2020 FAFSA to Navarro College by May 13, 2020**. You do not have to qualify for a financial aid award, but must have a FAFSA on file to determine Title IV eligibility. The criteria to participate in programs under Section 484 of the Higher Education Act include but are not limited to the following:
  - U.S. citizenship or eligible noncitizen
  - a valid Social Security number
  - registration with Selective Service (if the student is male)
  - a high school diploma, GED, or completion of high school in approved homeschool setting.
- Financial Need based on expenses related to the **disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus (including eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care)**.
- Priority will be given to students who are **currently enrolled in Fall 2020 and continuing to pursue a certificate and/or degree**.





## CARES Act: How it Works & How to Request Aid

- The second round of the CARES Act Emergency Aid will open from July 10-20, 2020. Eligible students will receive notification through text and e-mail and will sign up using the link provided. The CARES Act Emergency Aid Committee will review all applications to determine if you qualify. **All applicants will be notified no later than Monday, July 27th.**
  - Click on the CARES Act Emergency Aid link provided through text and Navarro College e-mail.

- Sign-on using Navarro College Self-Service username and password. If technical assistance is needed, please e-mail [caresact@navarrocollege.edu](mailto:caresact@navarrocollege.edu).
- **Complete the form and submit by July 20, 2020.**
- Students will receive notification if approved on the CARES Act Emergency Aid **no later than Monday, July 27th.**
- **Please allow 3 to 5 business days for the refund to be processed and available to the student based on selected refund preference on Bank Mobile.** If a student has not selected a method for refunds, **please visit [refundselection.com](http://refundselection.com) for more information.**



## Do I have to pay back CARES Act Emergency Aid?

*No, emergency aid does not require repayment and will not interfere with your current financial aid. If your situation changes, feel free to donate your fund to support other students.*



## How Many Rounds of CARES Act Emergency Aid Will You Offer?

*A second round of the CARES Act Emergency Aid will open up in mid-July for students enrolling in Fall 2020 and a third-round opens in November targeting students enrolling in Spring 2021.*



## **What if I have additional questions?**

*For all other questions regarding Navarro College CARES Act Emergency Aid, please e-mail [caresact@navarrocollege.edu](mailto:caresact@navarrocollege.edu).*