



CARES Act- Post-Secondary Student Reporting

Key Statistics

Post-Secondary Student Awards: 223

Total Award Dollars Allocated: \$254,050

Average Award per Student: \$1,139.24

The Lancaster County Career and Technology Center (LCCTC) entered into an agreement with the United States Department of Education on April 14, 2020, to participate in the CARES Act Emergency Relief Fund Grants to Students program. This was accomplished by completing the Certification and Agreement which allows the LCCTC to receive emergency grant funds in order to provide students with cash assistance for expenses related to an interruption of training due to COVID-19. The LCCTC used no less than 50% 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 that the LCCTC has received from the Department of Education pursuant to the CTC's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students is \$254,050. The first round of grants distributed total \$0 at the 30-day report mark. By September 30, 2020, all \$254,050 was awarded to 223 students. At the outset, the LCCTC estimated the total number of students who were eligible to participate was 225 students (from programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act).

Students were awarded funds based on a direct proportion to the number of credits/hours for the program in which they are currently enrolled. Overall amounts depended on the number of applications that are approved. Students were provided with instructions, directions, and guidance over several weeks in announcements, e-mails, and social media posts made to promote the grant.

Eligible students were informed that:

- the grant money does not need to be repaid,
- it is to cover expenses that increased due to the COVID-19 pandemic,
- students are eligible if they are Title-IV eligible,
- the funds would be provided by check once applications are reviewed and approved by the LCCTC HEERF grant team.