CARES Act Application

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act includes a Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) that provides emergency funding to higher education. A portion of these funds have been set aside for students who have expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Students must meet Title IV eligibility requirements in order to receive HEERF emergency funds. Martin Community College (MCC) must verify that the student is Title IV eligible before funds can be disbursed. The Title IV criteria to receive the emergency funds include but are not limited to the following:

- US citizenship or eligible non-citizenship;
- a valid Social Security number;
- registration with Selective Service (if the student is male) or verify that they were not required to register;
- a high school diploma, GED, or completion of high school in an approved homeschool setting;
- enrolled in a Financial Aid Eligible degree or certificate program; and
- making Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP).

Department of Education (DOE) Eligibility Requirements

Per the recent Department of Education guidance, the CARES Act emergency assistance fund application is open to students at MCC who attended classes on or after March 13, 2020.

Additionally, to be eligible for a CARES grant, students must meet ALL of the following DOE qualifications:

- Be enrolled at MCC in the Spring of 2020 on or after March 13, 2020.
- Have a 2019-2020 FAFSA, including MCC's school code, received and processed by the Financial Aid Office.

Based on guidance from the DOE, the following students are NOT eligible to receive funding under the CARES Act:

- Students who have unsatisfied overpayments AND loan default status on previous Federal Student Aid.
- Students who are not meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress status.
- Students who have been asked by Financial Aid staff to complete identity procedures and have not completed this step.
- Students who have been convicted of a drug-related offense while receiving Financial Aid.
- High School students
- Those enrolled in exclusively online classes

You must provide your student ID # to complete the application.

Here is the link to the application.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=fSy7MlhyJkmYciscZNGLwKei_b-Fa29FpWHN63dDIsRUNVcxUVFNSUQwQVdVVU9MRTdJRU02TFFLUy4u