

## Definitions

An **impacted student** is a student who had allowable expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus.

An **eligible student** satisfies all of the following criteria:

- Enrolled during the spring 2020 semester on or after March 13, 2020. Students who withdrew from the college prior to March 13th are not eligible for a CARES Grant since they had withdrawn prior to the conversion to online learning.
- Matriculated in an eligible undergraduate or graduate academic program as of March 13, 2020.
- *Eligible for federal Title IV financial aid* in 2019-20 or 2020-21 and a FAFSA on file in 2019-20 or 2020-21.
- Students who request funds beyond the base grant amount will need to meet additional eligibility criteria. They must list each *allowable expense* incurred or anticipated to incur. For each *allowable expense*, the student must specify the amount of each *allowable expense*.

According to federal regulations (Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA)) a student is **eligible for federal Title IV financial aid** if all of the following criteria are met:

- Be enrolled in a degree, certificate or other recognized educational credential (including a program of study abroad approved for credit by the eligible institution at which such student is enrolled);
- Not be enrolled in elementary or secondary school and have a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent;
- Be maintaining [satisfactory academic progress](#) (SAP);
- Not owe an overpayment (refund) on Title IV grants;
- Not be in default on a Title IV loan;
- File with ED “as part of the original financial aid application process” a certification (Statement of Educational Purpose) that includes: a) A statement of educational purpose, and b) The student’s Social Security Number (SSN);
- Be a U.S citizen or national, a permanent resident, or an eligible noncitizen;
- Have returned any fraudulently obtained Title IV funds, if the student is convicted of or pled guilty or no contest to charges;
- Not have fraudulently received Title IV loans in excess of annual or aggregate limits;
- Have repaid any Title IV loan overpayment amounts in excess of annual or aggregate limits, if obtained inadvertently;
- Have his Selective Service registration verified (the Title IV aid ineligibility for failure to register is actually in the Selective Service Act §3811(f));
- Have a valid SSN, except for residents of the Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands, or the Republic of Palau; and
- Not have a federal or state conviction for drug possession or sale, with certain time limitations.

In addition, completion of the federal verification process is NOT required for students to received CARES funding – if they are selected for V1 verification. However, for the V4 and V5 verification, identity and HS requirements are required.

A **high-need student** is defined as a student who is eligible for a Federal Pell Grant in spring 2020.

**Allowable expenses** are defined as additional expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus, including allowable expenses under a student's cost of attendance such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and childcare.