

CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund 30-Day Report

Southwest Wisconsin Technical College (Southwest Tech) acknowledges that the college signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement, and intends to 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. Southwest Tech received \$391,815 from the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

As of May 19, 2020 Southwest Tech has distributed \$379,655 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants to 246 students. Southwest Tech estimates 1,206 students in the Spring 2020 semester were eligible to participate in 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.

Southwest Tech requires students to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for verification of eligibility to participate in Section 484 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 as required by the Department of Education. As required under the CARES Act, the institution must identify students with the most need based on food, housing, course materials, technology, healthcare, and childcare due to the disruption of campus operations. The College does this through a self-reporting application. Using the application responses and any follow up documentation, reviewers verify eligibility based on CARES Act specifications and demonstrated need due to disruption of college operations. Communications via email, website presence, text messaging and a calling campaign assisted in educating students about this opportunity.

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