



Colorado Academy of Veterinary Technology

On April 9, 2020, U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos announced that more than \$6 billion will be distributed immediately to colleges and universities to provide direct emergency cash grants to college students whose lives and educations have been disrupted by the coronavirus outbreak. The funding is available through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, signed into law by President Donald J. Trump in March.

School allocations were set by formula prescribed in the CARES Act that is weighted significantly by the number of full-time students who are Pell-eligible but also takes into consideration the total population of the school and the number of students who were not enrolled full-time online before the coronavirus outbreak. The Department is utilizing the most recent data available from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) and Federal Student Aid (FSA) for this calculation.

Section 18004(c) of the CARES Act specifically designates that the funds allocation for emergency grants to students must be used exclusively “to provide emergency financial aid grants to students for 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).”

*According to the U.S. Department of Education, only students who are or could be eligible to participate in programs under [Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended \(HEA\)](#), may receive emergency financial aid grants. If a student has filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), then the student has demonstrated eligibility to participate in programs under Section 484 the HEA. Students who have not filed a FAFSA but who are eligible to file a FAFSA also may receive emergency financial aid grants. The criteria to participate in programs under Section 484 of the HEA include but are **not limited to** the following: U.S. citizenship or eligible noncitizen; have a valid Social Security number; be registered with Selective Service (if the student is male); and have a high school diploma, GED, or completion of high school in an approved homeschool setting; not be in default on a Title IV loan or owe an overpayment (refund) on Title IV grants; and be maintaining satisfactory academic progress (SAP). Please contact your Financial Aid Advisor to determine your eligibility. Please note that Open University, Reciprocity, international and undocumented students are NOT eligible for these funds.*

The Colorado Academy of Veterinary Technology (CAVT) was awarded \$101,655 for students. Based on review of our student demographics and the impact of coronavirus in our community, CAVT has determined that this money should be evenly distributed to all eligible students who have been affected by the COVID-19, regardless if Pell-eligible.

Each student will be required to sign a certification that they will use the funds for one or more of the expenses listed above. Students meeting HEA qualifications and who were in attendance in Winter 2020 classes as of March 13, 2020; and continued to attend the Spring 2020 Quarter or took a COVID-19 related leave of absence will be counted. As well, students enrolled to begin the Spring 2020 quarter and are currently in attendance will be counted. We will divide the number of attending students into the emergency fund grant amount and allocate funds equally to each student. This is grant money and will not have to be repaid.

We hope to receive funds within the next few weeks. Students will receive funds by check and be available for pick up at scheduled times to be determined. To assist the school in processing the checks please complete and return the attached certification form.

Sincerely,

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