

# Illinois Central College

## Frequently Asked Questions about the Emergency Financial Aid Grants to ICC Students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act

The CARES Act provides emergency financial aid grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus. These FAQs address how students may identify whether they were chosen as a recipient of funding through the CARES Act and/or how students may apply for emergency financial aid grants for expenses related to disruptions caused by the coronavirus.

**1) How do I know whether I am a recipient of CARES Act funding administered by ICC?**

Students are to check their ICC LAB and HOME email accounts, as notifications were sent to those selected to receive emergency financial aid grants.

**2) I received an email stating I was selected to receive funding through the CARES Act. How can I find out the amount of funding I will receive?**

Awarded students may view their grant amounts on their MyICC account.

**3) How will I receive my emergency financial aid grant through the CARES Act?**

Students with an eRefund account will see the funds in their checking/savings account within 1-3 business days. Students without an eRefund account will have a check mailed out to them next week.

**4) I have an outstanding balance at ICC; will I receive funding if I am eligible?**

Emergency financial aid grants awarded through the CARES Act cannot be applied to any outstanding charges on students' ICC accounts. Awards are refunded 100% to the student. Outstanding charges are still the responsibility of the student.

**5) Do I have to repay the government or ICC for funding I receive through the CARES Act?**

No. Emergency financial aid grants awarded through the CARES Act do not require repayment.

**6) How can I apply for an ICC emergency financial aid grant through the CARES Act?**

In order to be reviewed for an ICC Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) grant, students **MUST** complete the FAFSA ([studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov)) for current academic year and an ICC needs survey ([ICC Needs Survey](#)). The ICC Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) grants are 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 childcare).

The ICC Educational Foundation will administer the needs survey and determine if the applicant meets federal requirements to receive funding. If you have any questions please contact us at [Foundation@icc.edu](mailto:Foundation@icc.edu).

**7) What are the federal requirements to be eligible for an emergency financial aid grant through the CARES Act?**

Students must be currently enrolled at ICC. Those students who were enrolled exclusively in online courses on March 13, 2020, the date of the President's Proclamation, "Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak," are not eligible for emergency financial aid grants.

The federal criteria for receiving funding through the CARES Act state a student must be eligible to receive federal Title IV monies, such as the PELL grant and/or student loans. The federal criteria includes but are not limited to the following: U.S. citizenship or eligible noncitizen; a valid Social Security number; registration with Selective Service (if the student is male); and a high school diploma, GED, or completion of high school in an approved homeschool setting.