

Eastern Oklahoma State College – OPE ID: 00315500
CARES Act – Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund
Quarterly Report July – September 2020

As required by the CARES Act and in compliance with guidance from the U.S. Department of Education, Eastern Oklahoma State College reports its use of the Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

1. Eastern Oklahoma State College signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education its Certification and Agreement that the college has used, or intends to use, no less than 50% of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
2. Eastern Oklahoma State College has or will receive \$468,784 from the U.S. Department of Education for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
3. As of September 30, 2020 Eastern Oklahoma State College has disbursed \$419,076 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
4. Eastern Oklahoma State College estimates the number of students in Spring 2020 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 under Section 18004 (a)(1) of the CARES Act to be 729 students.
5. 635 students have been awarded Emergency Financial Aid Grants in amounts ranging from \$189 to \$756 as of September 30, 2020.
6. Method of Awarding of Emergency Financial Aid Grants:

Eligibility Requirements:

- Students who have completed a FAFSA are deemed eligible
- Must be eligible for Title IV Aid (U.S. Citizen and Permanent Residents)
- Must have a valid Social Security Number
- Must be registered with The Selective Service (Males over 18 years old)
- Must have a high school diploma or a GED certificate
- Must not be in exclusively online classes
- Enrolled in Spring 2020 semester in 3 credit hours or more
- Expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus

Awarding Requirements:

- All students who have moved from face-to-face instruction to online learning have experienced various disruptions as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic including the need to purchase new technology for online courses, unexpected changes in housing costs and food, etc.

- Each student who meets the Eligibility Requirements listed above will receive \$63.00 per credit hour of enrollment. This will apply to credit hours each student was enrolled in as of April 17, 2020 (last day to withdraw) that are between 3 hours (minimum) and 12 hours (maximum).

7. Communications to EOSC Students:

The following email was sent to students on May 13, 2020:

Dear Students:

Eastern Oklahoma State College has obtained funding from the federal CARES Act to distribute to students and help with expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are diligently working to finalize our processes to distribute these funds quickly and efficiently.

Who is eligible?

Any EOSC student who was actively enrolled in face-to-face instruction, enrolled in 3 credit hours or more during the Spring 2020 semester and who meets the federal eligibility requirements is eligible for these additional funds.

What do I need to do?

If you have completed the 2019-20 FAFSA and there are no further documents needed on your financial aid file, you have already demonstrated you are eligible for Title IV funds.

You can still complete the FAFSA to become eligible for the CARES Act funds. Please visit www.fafsa.gov and complete your free application. Keep in mind that your eligibility is not tied to your income. If you complete all fields and it processes with no flags, you have met the Title IV eligibility.

Important Notice:

Please note that the funds from the CARES Act should be used to help with expenses due to the disruption of campus operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

How much will I receive?

The amount of funds each eligible student will receive will be based on the number of credit hours between 3 (minimum) and 15 (maximum) that the student was enrolled in as of April 17, 2020.

How will I receive my funds?

Once your funds are available, they will be disbursed to you through your selected direct deposit designation which would be your student ID/Herring Bank debit card or direct deposit into your personal checking account. To set up, review or change your direct deposit designation, you can log into Web Advisor using your ID and password.

How will I know when my funds are disbursed?

You will receive an email to your EOSC student email from Premier Pay notifying you that your funds have been disbursed.

Will these funds be applied to my EOSC bill?

If you currently owe money to EOSC, these funds will **NOT** be applied to your bill. EOSC is required by federal regulations to pay these funds to you, the student, without applying it to any charges owed. However, once you receive these funds they may be used to pay your EOSC balance. There are two ways to make payments on your EOSC account:

1. You can make a credit card payment through Web Advisor.
2. You can mail in a check to EOSC, Business Office, 1301 West Main, Wilburton, OK 74578.

Remember you cannot enroll or get an official transcript if you have a balance due on your EOSC account.

How do I enroll for next semester?

There are multiple ways to enroll in EOSC classes for the summer and fall semesters.

1. Email or call your current student advisor.
2. Log into Web Advisor and enroll yourself.
3. Call or email one of our Enrollment Staff listed below:
 - Wilburton: Christie Colbert at ccolbert2@eosc.edu or 918-465-1771
 - McAlester: Kelly Bogard at kbogard@eosc.edu or 918-302-3607
 - Idabel: Julie Jefferson at jjefferson2@eosc.edu or 580-376-5223
 - Antlers: Nicole Faber at nfaber@eosc.edu or 580-271-0471
 - Nursing Students: Mandy Roachell at mroachell@eosc.edu or 918-465-1794

If you have any questions, please contact the following offices:

Business Office 918-465-1831 or kjohnson6@eosc.edu

Financial Aid Office 918-465-1770 or ccolbert@eosc.edu

Registrar's Office 918-465-1813 or dlewis@eosc.edu