



Adult & Community Education

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Mission: Adult and Community Education improves lives of adult students through personalized, quality learning.

Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act granted funds to institutions through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF). Institutions must use no less than 50 percent of these funds to provide emergency financial aid grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to Coronavirus. Eligible expenses include items such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care. As of June 3, 2020, we have received a total of \$278,715.22 from Cares Act distributions.

Columbus City Schools Adult and Community Education Program signed and returned the Certification and Agreement Form for these funds on April 30, 2020, which acknowledges the institution has agreed to disburse no less than 50 percent of the funds to students. The fund will distribute \$142,019 to currently enrolled students in our Practical Nursing Program. All grants have been awarded as of June 1, 2020. Grant distribution will occur on or before June 19, 2020

An online application opened on May 13, 2020. The initial application deadline was May 19. Columbus City Schools Adult and Community Education Program began awarding grants the week of May 18. The amount of each grant reflects all or a portion amount of expenses the student reported. Please see the status of grants awarded below:

Application Period	May 13, 2020 to May 19, 2020
Applications Received	90
Number indicating COVID-19 expenses	90
Number indicating no COVID-19 expenses	0
Number awarded CARES Relief Fund grant	85

Grant amount ranges

\$335 - \$2096

Total amount awarded

\$142,019

Federal guidance prohibits awarding these funds to students who were enrolled in an exclusively online program as of March 13, 2020. Students eligible to complete the application must have completed the 2019-20 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA); be enrolled in the 2019-20 year as a Practical Nursing student; and meet all other eligibility criteria. Emails were sent to all students encouraging them to apply.

The email text sent to these students is as follows:

Practical Nursing Students:

We recently were provided with Federal Grant Funding through the Federal CARES Act to provide some financial support to students involved in our Practical Nursing Program. These emergency grants are meant to be used for student expenses related to the disruption of school operations as a result of the coronavirus such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care and child care. Grants do not need to be repaid by the student.

In order to be considered for a CARES Act Grant, you must complete the online request for consideration (see link below) by 4:00 pm Tuesday, May 19, 2020.

Your request for consideration will be reviewed. While not all requests will be approved, it is important to take the time between now and Tuesday at 4:00 pm to submit the requested grant consideration form.

The online request form can be found at

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdRv2hekdMSyzTSxcMbVPHy97icgMNzu1Pc-IVMIPK6Nye3_Q/viewform?usp=pp_url

You will be required to sign in to your google account in order to complete the online request.

If you have questions, please email me at eoreilly@columbus.k12.oh.us

The entire staff of The Columbus School of Practical Nursing appreciates all you are doing to balance your school, work, and family obligations during these unique times. Be well.

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We are currently developing a process for Cares Act Grants for students from Cares Act Institutional Funds. This information will be updated upon completion of distribution of round 2 grants.