Cochise College is making grant funds available under the Emergency Financial Aid Grant program that was approved as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act signed into law on March 27, 2020.

Procedure 4099.1 Eligibility

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, may receive the emergency financial aid grants. If a student has filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2019-2020 Academic Year and/or the 2020-2021 Academic Year, and the student has demonstrated eligibility to participate in Section 484 programs, they are eligible for the emergency grants in this policy. Students who have not filed a FAFSA are encouraged to complete a FAFSA in order to demonstrate potential eligibility to participate in the program. Students do not have to demonstrate financial need under FAFSA but do need to meet other criteria as noted below.

Section 484 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, requires the following to be eligible:

1. Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment in a degree, certificate, or other program leading to a recognized educational credential;
2. If currently enrolled, must be maintaining satisfactory progress in the course of study;
3. Not owe a refund on grants previously received under Title IV Federal Student Aid;
4. Have filed a FAFSA;
5. Be a U.S. Citizen or national of the United States, a permanent resident of the United States, or able to provide evidence from the Immigration and Naturalization Service that he or she is in the United States for other than a temporary purpose with the intention of becoming a citizen or permanent resident; and
6. If the student has been convicted of, or has pled nolo contendere or guilty to, a crime involving fraud in obtaining funds under Title IV Federal Financial Aid, have completed the repayment of such funds and can provide appropriate documentation.

July 10, 2020 revision: Previously, those students enrolled exclusively online were not considered eligible for the emergency financial aid grants based on US Department of Education guidance; however, the guidance has been further modified. In reviewing the rules and regulations presented in the June 17, 2020, Federal Register, the college modifies the eligibility guidelines to provide the emergency financial aid grants to students who would have otherwise been eligible but were excluded from the original distribution of funds based on having been enrolled exclusively online. The grant funds provided by this program are designated for eligible students enrolled at Cochise College as of March 13, 2020. This policy is intended to provide funds to eligible students as a result of the disruption from coronavirus and the funds are intended to be used for food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child-care expenses.
Students enrolled in police academy, prison education, dual enrollment, and military credentialing courses are not eligible for this emergency grant.

Procedure 4099.2
Grant Levels

Eligible students should complete the financial aid form found on the website at https://www.cochise.edu/fa/#FormsRow, affirming the funds shall be used for the intended purposes of food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child-care.

The financial aid office shall review completed forms to determine level of grant funds to be released to the eligible student based on the following schedule:

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<th>Credits Enrolled in March 2020</th>
<th>Original Grant Amount</th>
<th>Modified Grant Amount as of 09/09/2020**</th>
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<tr>
<td>Full-time (12 or more credits)</td>
<td>$1,200</td>
<td>$1,950</td>
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<td>Three-quarter time (7-11 credits)</td>
<td>$800</td>
<td>$1,300</td>
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<td>Half-time or less (6 or fewer credits)</td>
<td>$400</td>
<td>$650</td>
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**Student receiving emergency grants at the original levels prior to September 9, 2020, shall receive an additional grant for the difference. No action is required by those students who have previously received a grant.

The distribution of funds under this act does not constitute Federal Financial Aid under Title IV of the Higher Education Act. While students may use this emergency grant to make payment towards any balances on accounts with the college, it is not required. Eligible students will receive payment and have responsibility to use funds for the intended purposes of food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child-care.

Procedure 4099.3
Timelines and Notification

Eligible students shall be notified via email and portal announcements on or before April 30, 2020, and have until June 30, 2020, to complete application forms. Depending on student response, additional funds may be made available during the 2020-2021 academic year. The timeline for applying for funds provided under this policy has been extended through September 30, 2020, or when the funds have been expended. Notifications of the policy change and extension will be provided through email distribution messages, portal announcements, and social media.

Funds shall be distributed, generally, within 14 college business days of receipt of a completed application by an eligible student.
Funds distributed through this program shall be included on the student’s 1098-T annual reporting.

The college is required to provide periodic reports to the U.S. Department of Education as to how grant funds were distributed, how the amounts of each grant was calculated, and any instructions that were provided to students about each grant. Reporting requirements have been revised to be completed on a quarterly basis. Reports will be posted on the website in the month following the end of each financial quarter.