

Kalamazoo Valley Community College:

CARES Act - Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Reporting

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Kalamazoo Valley Community College (OPEID 006949) signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economics Security (CARES) Act on April 22, 2020. KVCC's allocation of funding received through the CARES Act is \$4,249,299. KVCC will use no less than 50% of the funds (\$2,124,650) received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants directly to students.

In total, 1605 students received \$2,116,660 in CARES funding through December 31, 2020.

For the 2020-2021 Award Year

The estimated total number of KVCC students eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 is approximately 3,384 students. As of December 21, KVCC has issued \$1,267,608 Emergency Financial Aid Grants directly to 1232 KVCC students for the 2021 school year, based on the applications students have submitted to request these funds for the Fall 2020 semester. KVCC students must complete an application for Emergency Financial Aid Grants through their MyValley Account. The application is listed as "Valley CARES" under the "My Links" section in the MyValley.

The application provides instructions to students that they must have a current FAFSA on file with KVCC and meet Title IV eligibility requirements. Through November 15th, the application required students to confirm they have technology related the expense(s) incurred related to a disruption of campus services due to COVID-19. Students who identified having a technology related expense were awarded \$700 in CARES. On November 15th, the application was updated to allow students to identify that they had person expenses caused by the disruption of campus services due to COVID-19. Students who identified having a personal expense were awarded \$1000.

For the 2019-2020 Award Year

The estimated total number of KVCC students for Winter 2020 eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 is approximately 3,711 students. As of September 30, 2020, KVCC has issued \$375,673 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants directly to 362 KVCC students, based on the applications students have submitted to request these funds for the Winter 2020 semester. KVCC students had to complete an application for Emergency Financial Aid Grants through their MyValley Account. The application is listed as "Valley CARES" under the "My Links" section in the MyValley.

The estimated total number of KVCC students for Summer 2020 eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 is approximately 1,995 students. As September 30, 2020, KVCC has issued \$473,319 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants directly to 379 KVCC students, based on the applications students have submitted to request these funds for the Summer

2020 semester. KVCC students had to complete an application for Emergency Financial Aid Grants through their MyValley Account. The application is listed as “Valley CARES” under the “My Links” section in the MyValley.

The application provided instructions to students that they must have a current FAFSA on file with KVCC and meet Title IV eligibility requirements. The application requires students to identify the expense(s) they incurred related to the campus closing, and all operations and services being moved to an online format. Eligibility for Emergency Financial Aid Grants for KVCC students is based on financial issues they have had or will face related to moving to campus disruption, such as internet service issues, the need for a new computer or special software or hardware, or increased utility costs. The KVCC CARES Act Task Force developed the following guidelines for determining the Emergency.

Financial Aid Grant amounts:

- \$500 – Computer Purchase
- \$500 – Course Materials (Books, Supplies, Paper, Printer Cartridges, etc)
- \$200 – Other Technology Related to Online Courses (e.g. webcam, microphone, printer)
- \$200-400 (per month) – Increased household costs
- \$50 (per month) – Healthcare costs
- \$100-200 (per month) – Food Costs
- \$100-200 (per month) – Internet Service Contract

Extenuating Circumstance Costs – evaluated individually

Each student’s situation is evaluated individually based on the information provided in the student’s application, and KVCC maintains the flexibility to increase the amount awarded per eligible expense to each student on a case-by-case basis.

KVCC students were notified about the availability of these Emergency Financial Aid Grants, the requirement to meet Title IV eligibility criteria, and the application to apply for the funds via a press release, email notifications, text messages, the KVCC website and social media postings.