



CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund 45 Day Report – September 2020

The CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund-IHE/Student Aid provides funding to institutions to provide emergency financial aid grants to students whose lives have been disrupted, many of whom are facing financial challenges and struggling to make ends meet. Students cannot apply for assistance directly from the U.S. Department of Education but should contact their institutions for further information and guidance. Institutions have the responsibility of determining how grants will be distributed to students, how the amount of each student grant is calculated, and the development of any instructions or directions that are provided to students about the grant.

Accordingly, the following information must appear in a format and location that is easily accessible to the public 30 days after the date when the institution received its allocation under 18004(a)(1) and updated every 45 days thereafter:

1. An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement (link) and the assurance that the institution has used, or intends to use, no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004 (a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
2. The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution’s Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

FUND	COLLEGE	FUND CODE	ALLOCATION	ALLOC %	AVAILABLE ALLOC
HCAR	SAC	HCAR11	\$ 3,824,127.00	100.0%	\$ 3,824,127.00
	SPC	HCAR12	\$ 1,713,753.00	100.0%	\$ 1,713,753.00
	PAC	HCAR13	\$ 1,620,472.00	100.0%	\$ 1,620,472.00
	NVC	HCAR14	\$ 3,463,310.00	100.0%	\$ 3,463,310.00
	NLC	HCAR15	\$ 671,722.00	100.0%	\$ 671,722.00
	TTL/AVG		\$ 11,293,384.00		\$ 11,293,384.00

3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the 30-day Report and every 45 days thereafter). **(See chart below.)**
4. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. **(See chart below.)**

San Antonio College CARES Act Statistics – 08/12/2020

General Statistics of CARES Act Recipients

San Antonio College

Gender	Male	Female
	1954	4173
Average Age of Recipients	25.92	
Student Type	Count	
Continuing	6112	
Early College High School	0	
New First Time	3	
Returning, Former	5	
Transfer	4	
Transfer Military	0	
Transfer, Former	1	
Undeclared	2	
Total	6127	
Count of New Ethnicity	Count	
Hispanic or Latino	4233	
Not Disclosed	1	
Not Hispanic or Latino	1893	
Total	6127	
Residency	Count	
In District	5549	
Military Dep- Non TX Res	18	
Military Dep-TX in Dist	7	
Military Dep-TX Out of Dist	3	
Military- Non TX Res	19	
Military TX- Out of Dist	5	
Military TX-In District	7	
Out of District-In State	440	
Out of State	42	
TX Res HB 1403 s2 In District	5	
TX Res HB 1403 s2 Out of Dist		
TX Res HB 1403 s4 In Dist	13	
TX Res HB 1403 s4 Out of Dist		
Total	6108	
Amount Paid		
Number of Students	6127	
Total	\$3,823,191	

5. The estimated total number of students at the institution 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 to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

Based on the guidance in Section 484 San Antonio College estimates that there are approximately 11,661 students who would be eligible for CARES Act Emergency Relief funding based on the Alamo Colleges-published eligibility criteria.

6. The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

San Antonio College CARES Act – How to Qualify & How to Apply

<https://www.alamo.edu/sac/news-events/news/2020/may/cares-act-higher-education-emergency-relief-fund/>

San Antonio College's students apply through the Student Financial Aid Office which then evaluates their Title IV eligibility and other applicable CARE Act eligibility criteria. An electronic application is being used for students to request funds. Based on Department of Education guidance, supporting documentation of need was requested but was not mandatory. On the application, students request funds and also sign a certification stating funds are for expenses as a result of a disruption in their education due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The application was placed online in a pre-fillable pdf that was submitted electronically to the priorityaid@alamo.edu inbox. Financial Aid staff then process applications from the queue by date received.

Working collaboratively with the Student Advocacy Centers a rubric was developed to determine student need and award amounts based on current and potential ongoing short-term financial needs for eligible applicants. On May 12, 2020 a one-time distribution of \$300 to all Pell-eligible students who attended in the spring of 2020 was also awarded. To date, San Antonio College has disbursed 99.98% of their funds allocated to students.

San Antonio College utilizes the BANNER Student Information System. CARES Act awards to students are disbursed to the student account and then refunded directly to the students. The full CARES Act award is given to the student, with no existing balances impacting the refund.

7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants. All information provided to students is found on our website at www.alamo.edu/studentemergencyaid