

**Centre College**  
**CARES Act Emergency Financial Aid Grants Report**  
**July 10, 2020**

This is Centre College's second status report in compliance with Federal Regulation from the Department of Education pertaining to Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

Since the previous report, Centre College developed an application and distributed it to gather COVID-19 related disruption expenses from students who had not already received a CARES Act grant. This application will be the primary vehicle used to determine disbursement of the remaining portion of Centre College's CARES Act Emergency Aid funds for students. Potentially eligible students who were enrolled at the point time Centre transitioned to an on-line format were sent a personal email to their Centre email address with a CARES Act description, application instructions and a link to the application. The email was sent out on July 3, 2020. The email discusses the CARES Act Emergency Grants, eligibility requirements as well as basic review and decision processes. The timing of this email was in large part governed by the release of clarifying details from the Department of Education that previously enrolled student who have graduated continue to be eligible for CARES Act Emergency Aid Grants.

Our CARES Act Emergency Aid application has been developed to gather additional information needed to comply with the requirements for determining eligibility and qualification for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. Centre's application resides within our campus portal that requires username and password authentication for access. It is posted in a manner that permits all Centre students to see and access the application. Our application specifies the types of incurred disruption related expenses that qualify for CARES Act Emergency Aid Grants and other eligibility criteria. It also solicits information that will allow Centre Financial Aid staff to determine Federal Title IV aid eligibility for any student who have not previously filed a FAFSA during their Centre career. Applicants must declare the categories of qualifying expenses they incurred for CARES Act Emergency Grant Aid consideration. It also allows them to share any information about other COVID-19 related financial challenges they or their family has experienced to allow consideration of other types of assistance beyond the CARES Act.

Centre's CARES Act Emergency Aid Committee will convene shortly after July 15<sup>th</sup> to begin review of submitted applications to make additional grants. The intent of this application process is to broaden the reach of CARES Act Emergency Aid grants within Centre's eligible student population. We plan that this phase of grants will typically be \$100 with a general maximum of \$200. Some exceptions might be made for students who have incurred extraordinary expenses. Our hope is that we will be able to expediently distribute the remaining 7.5% of our CARES Act funding through this application review and grant decision process.

This report will be updated with significant developments as they occur and at least every 45 days.

Respectfully submitted July 10, 2020 by Kevin Lamb, Associate Dean of Admission and Financial Aid, Director of Financial Aid. Published on the web July 10, 2020.