

## **St. Johns River State College Reporting for CARES Act COVID-19 Aid Grant**

To maintain compliance with federal regulations regarding receipt and distribution of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, & Economic Security (CARES) Act funding, St. Johns River State College (SJR State) is required to provide the following information to the public 30 days after May 1, 2020. It will be updated every 45 days thereafter:

1. St. Johns River State College (SJR State) acknowledges that it intends to use no less than 50% of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
2. St. Johns River State College has received \$1,498,969.00 for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students pursuant to the Certification and Agreement.
3. As of August 18, 2020, St. Johns River State College has distributed \$1,072,500.00 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
4. In accordance with Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 there are ~1,274 students at SJR State eligible to participate in programs and thus eligible to receive emergency financial aid grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
5. As of August 18, 2020, 715 students at SJR State have received emergency financial aid grants.
6. SJR State utilized the following guidelines to determine student eligibility: 1) the requirements of Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, 2) guidance provided by the U.S. Department of Education for the Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students, and 3) eligibility requirements to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

Based on these requirements and guidelines, the College established minimum eligibility criteria, which were communicated to students applying for the grants:

- Be a currently enrolled student at SJR State
- Be enrolled in a degree or certificate program at SJR State
- Have a high school diploma or GED
- Be making satisfactory academic progress
- Have or complete a free application for federal student aid (FAFSA)
- Be a U.S. Citizen or eligible noncitizen
- Have not previously received an emergency stipend or any Covid-19 aid from SJR State during the Spring and Summer Terms
- Complete the College's Application for CARES Act Covid-19 Aid Grant

Minimum eligibility requirements were confirmed using information in the College's Student Information System. Those who were ineligible were informed of the reason and provided an opportunity to rectify any eligibility issue(s) by contacting the College's Financial Aid Department.

Those students that met minimum eligibility were reviewed and manually examined to ensure they met additional criteria required by the CARES Act Section 18004 and/or by Section 484 of Title IV. These criteria included:

- student impacted by disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus
- student attests to use of funds for expense related to disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus
- Financial aid verification

At St. Johns River State College, students received a flat award amount of \$1500. The amount was set at \$1500 to provide significant support across the population estimated to be eligible and to facilitate a timely distribution of the funds to students affected by the coronavirus disruption of campus operations.

7. St. Johns River State College publicized the CARES Act Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students widely through the College's website, communications to students and the college community, as well as through social media. The content of the publications included the purpose, eligibility and requirements of the awards as well as links to information and the application. <http://sjrstate.edu/caresactgrant.html>