

Copiah-Lincoln Community College signed an agreement with the United States Department of Education to accept funds as part of the CARES Act. The college agreed to use no less than 50% of funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of CARES funds to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

The college will receive \$1,679,747 from the CARES Act that will be disbursed to students.

As of December 31, the college has disbursed \$1,679,747

Approximately 1,500 students are eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and are thus receiving funds. Those criteria include, but are not limited to, Students who are:

1. United States Citizens or nationals, permanent residents, or other eligible non-citizen.
2. Holders of a high school diploma or GED certificate.
3. Registered with the Selective Service, if male.
4. Enrolled in a degree or certificate program.
5. Not on Financial Aid suspension.
6. Making satisfactory academic progress in their course of study.

The CARES program also prohibits the distribution of funds to students who are enrolled exclusively in an online program.

The college believes all students have incurred additional expenses by the transition to online learning as a result of Covid-19 and are entitled to funds. The college also believes that getting funds into the hands of students as soon as possible follows the intent of the CARES Act. All eligible students at Co-Lin are receiving funds based on their enrollment hours for the Spring 2020 term. Students are receiving \$ 78.24 per credit hour for a maximum of 15 hours. Thus the maximum grant is \$ 1,173.60.

Students who have not received funds and believe they are entitled to them may submit a request with documentation to support their claim to the college via email at BusinessOffice@CoLin.edu.