

CARES Act Student Emergency Fund FAQ – Fall 2020

1. Who is eligible for assistance from the CARES Act Student Emergency Fund?
 - Students who are enrolled in a credit, degree or certificate program for the **Fall 2020** semester;
 - Have Registered for Fall 2020 Semester
 - Have payment or payment plan confirmed for Fall 2020 Semester
 - Students who are eligible for Title IV (federal financial aid).
2. What is Title IV (federal financial aid) eligibility?
 - To determine Title IV eligibility, students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (www.fafsa.gov).
 - The 2020-2021 FAFSA is required
 - If selected for federal financial aid process called 'Verification', complete the verification review process and submit appropriate documentation.
 - See the [Student Financial Aid page](#) for general Title IV eligibility requirements.
3. Am I eligible for CARES Act funding if I am enrolled in any Fall 2020 semester courses?
 - You may qualify for assistance if are enrolled in a credit, degree, or certificate program, and demonstrate emergency expenses or disruption related to COVID-19.
4. Am I eligible for CARES Act funding if some of my Fall 2020 courses will be in-person and some will be taken online?
 - Yes. You may qualify for assistance if you experience a disruption in at least one on-campus course during the transition to online or remote delivery; however, you must also be eligible for Title IV financial assistance.
5. Am I eligible for CARES Act funding if all of my Fall 2020 courses were already being delivered online?
 - No. Students whose courses and programs are already all on-line do not qualify for assistance.
6. What are “emergency expenses or disruptions related to COVID-19”?
 - This refers to expenses incurred due to changes in your educational environment; including food costs, housing costs, technology needs, course materials, child care emergencies, additional medical costs due to COVID-19, and other related expenses.
7. Are international students eligible for CARES Act funding?
 - No. A student must be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen to receive funds.
8. Are College Credit Plus students eligible for CARES Act funding?
 - No. One of the Title IV eligibility requirements is a high school diploma or equivalent.
9. Are students in noncredit workforce programs eligible for CARES Act Student Emergency Funds?
 - No. A student must be enrolled in a credit-bearing degree or certificate program to receive funds.

10. Can I apply for the CARES Act Student Emergency Fund if I already received other Tri-C emergency grant?
- Yes. The maximum award for this fund is \$1,500 for the fall semester. Therefore, if eligible for the CARES Act Student Emergency Fund, you may only receive the difference between the two funds, up to \$1,500.
11. How do I apply for assistance through the CARES Act Student Emergency Fund?
- Contact a Student Financial Aid advisor via [Live Chat](#), call 216-987-6000, Option #2, or email financialaid@tri-c.edu.
12. How will I know if my application is approved?
- Students will be notified of their application status through their My Tri-C Space; go to Financial Aid and Scholarships under the Paying for College Tab. Please allow up to 5 business days for processing.
13. If I'm on a tuition payment plan, can I use these funds to pay off my balance?
- CARES Act funds are awarded directly to students. The College is unable to apply them toward an outstanding balance.
14. How will I receive the funds if I qualify?
- Students who are approved for CARES Act funding will receive the funds via direct deposit or USPS mail.
15. When will I receive the funds if I qualify?
- Please allow 3 business days from the date your CARES application is approved to receive funds.
16. Are there other resources that can help me if I'm not eligible for CARES Act funding?
- Yes. If your financial situation has changed due to change of income or loss of employment during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Student Financial Aid and Scholarships team can help you update your FAFSA and determine your eligibility for other financial aid options, including Tri-C scholarships.
 - The Project GO! team can also refer you to public benefits resources.