

March 31, 2022

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Report Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

We recognize that many Coastal Pines Technical College students have experienced financial difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. A provision of the CARES Act, the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) specifically provides money to colleges to assist with COVID-19-related expense and give direct aid to students most in need at this difficult time.

Coastal Pines Technical College, OPE ID: 005511 has been awarded education stabilization funds under Section 18004(a)(1) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act") Public Law No: 116-136 as well as additional federal coronavirus grant funds that are available through the Higher Education Emergency Relief (HEER) Funds. These funds allow colleges to distribute grants to students to cover expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19, to assist in covering any component of a student's cost of attendance, and to assist with emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, healthcare, and childcare. This fund report applies to the student portion received under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund that is designated exclusively for emergency financial aid grants to students.

Eligible students who are registered for spring semester 2022 classes were awarded CARES/HEERF funds by the end of March. The funds were distributed through the method set up by each student with Bank Mobile.

This spring semester 2022, students did not have to complete a separate CARES application unless they did not complete their 2021-2022 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). An email was forwarded to all regular students on March 7, 2022. However, students who completed their FAFSA for the 2021-2022 year were evaluated to determine their eligibility for a larger award amount. The results of the FAFSA, a calculated Expected Family Contribution (EFC), identify students with exceptional need. As required, students with exceptional need received larger awards. Also, students who were registered and attending classes with a full-time load of 12 or more credit hours received larger awards.

If your income has changed due to unemployment or reduced employment since filing your taxes, it may be possible to adjust your EFC. You are encouraged to request a professional judgement. Contact the Financial Aid Office FinAid@coastalpines.edu for more information.

Attending high school dual enrollment students, transient students, and students who are auditing a class were not eligible to receive a CARES/HEERF award.

Students with an EFC (Expected Family Contribution) of less than 5847 were awarded \$900 if registered for 12 or more credit hours and \$650 if less than 12 credit hours. Students with an EFC of more than 5846 who were registered for 12 or more credit hours were awarded \$500 and \$400 if less than 12 credit hours. Students unable to complete their 2021-2022 FAFSA and completed a 2021-2022 HEERF/CARES Act Grant Form, were awarded \$300. Students who were awarded were sent an award notification email to their CPTC student email account.

The college is making the below information available for transparency purposes and in compliance with the U.S. Department of Education’s (“Department”) Electronic Announcement May 6, 2020.

- Coastal Pines Technical College signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement (for) Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students. The College has used and intends to use no less than the 50% of the funds designated under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs to provide Emergency Financial Grants to Students.
- Coastal Pines Technical College was allocated \$5,556,019 from the Department pursuant to the institution’s Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA and APR (s)(1) and (a)(4) programs.
- As of March 31,2022, \$4,672,062 has been distributed directly to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
- Coastal Pines Technical College was also allocated \$7,998,632 from the Department pursuant to the institution’s Certification and Agreement for the Institution Portion. The College has the option to distribute some of these funds directly to students. As of March 31, 2022, \$879,068 has been distributed to students.
- Pursuant to Section 18004(a)(2) of the CARES Act, Coastal Pines Technical College was allocated \$268,596 under the Strengthening Institutions Grant to assist with college-related expenses. The College also has the option to distribute some of these funds directly to students. As of March 31, 2022, \$73,856 has been directly distributed to students.

Coastal Pines Technical College has made several distributions of funds to ensure the maximum number of students receive assistance. All students who meet the eligibility requirements each semester were awarded.

Term	Number of Students Awarded
Spring 2020	939
Summer 2020	599
Fall 2020	652
Spring 2021	601
Summer 2021	1326
Fall 2021	1885
Spring 2022	1306

- The first distribution took place in Spring semester 2020. The amounts distributed for the first distribution were \$1,000 for students enrolled for 12+ credit hours, \$750 for 9-11 credit hours, \$500 for 6-8 credit hours, \$250 for 1-5 credit hours for students who met the following criteria:
 - Be enrolled at the College on or after March 13 for the Spring Semester 2020,
 - Have a FAFSA for the 2019-2020 award year with no outstanding verification or financial aid completion requirements,
 - Have a spring-eligible Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) status,
 - Be a U.S. Citizen, resident, or eligible non-citizen,
 - Not be enrolled as a High School Dual Enrollment, Transient, or Special Admit student,
 - Must have been enrolled in at least one face-to-face class.
- Summer semester 2020 additional distributions were made to students who received a spring semester CARES disbursement and were enrolled in classes summer semester. The award amounts were \$600 for students enrolled for 12+ credit hours, \$450 for 9 - 11 credit hours, \$300 for 6 - 8 credit hours, \$300 for 1 - 5 credit hours. A second summer distribution was made to all summer semester CARES recipients for \$ 57 regardless of their course load.
- For the Fall semester 2020 and Spring Semester 2021 distributions, students were required to complete an application attesting that they have been impacted financially by the COVID-19 crisis. All students were notified via CPTC student email of the eligibility requirements and were encouraged to complete the application. Once the application was received and the student determined eligible, students were awarded. Fall semester 2020 awards were \$800 for 12+ credit hours, \$600 for 9 – 11 credit hours, \$400 for 6 – 8 credit hours, \$ 200 for 1 – 5 credit hours. Spring semester awards were \$1,200 for 12+ credit hours, \$900 for 9 – 11 credit hours, \$600 for 6 – 8 credit hours, and \$300 for 1 – 5 credit hours.
- Coastal Pines Technical College received additional CARES funds allocations prior to the summer semester 2021 distributions. Students did not have to complete a separate application to receive an award. Students with an EFC (Expected Family Contribution) of less than 5847 were awarded \$1300 if registered for 12 or more credit hours and \$900 if less than 12 credit hours. Students with an EFC of more than 5846 who are registered for 12 or more credit hours were awarded \$800 and \$500 if less than 12 credit hours.
- In fall semester 2021 distributions to students with an EFC (Expected Family Contribution) of less than 5847 were awarded \$1400 if registered for 12 or more credit hours and \$1000 if less than 12 credit hours. Students with an EFC of more than 5846 and students with no EFC who were registered for 12 or more credit hours were awarded \$900 and \$600 if less than 12 credit hours.
- In spring semester 2022, colleges were notified and allowed an extension of time to award HEERF/CARES funds through June 30, 2023. The spring semester 2022 distributions to students with an EFC (Expected Family Contribution) of less than 5847 were awarded \$900 if registered for 12 or more credit hours and \$650 if less than 12 credit hours. Students with an EFC of more than 5846 who were registered for 12 or more credit hours were awarded \$500 and \$400 if less than 12 credit hours. Students who were unable to complete their FAFSA and completed a HEERF/CARES Act Grant Form were awarded \$300.

The College is making this information available for transparency purposes. For questions or concerns regarding this Fund Report, please contact Karla Nordone, Vice President for Student Affairs, at knordone@coastalpines.edu