CSC Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds – Update

CSC acknowledges the institution has signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education the student funding Certification and Agreement and CSC assures that the institution has used, or intends to use, no less than 50 percent of the funds received to provide to eligible students.

Round I Emergency Relief Aid

On May 6, 2020, CSC received the Grant Award Notification from the U.S. Department of Education for $540,638 available to eligible students.

As of May 14, 2020, CSC had awarded 450 students emergency relief funds in the amount totaling $537,665.

On May 21, 2020, CSC had awarded eight additional students emergency relief funds in the amount totaling $2,833. (These were pending applications in the process of validating eligibility)

On June 1, 2020, CSC awarded the remaining $140 to the six students who became eligible following the end of the Spring term.

As of July 15, 2020, no new awards made as all funds were expended, with the exception of $1, which was granted following the receipt of an updated award letter from the U.S. Department of Education.

On December 14, 2020, CSC awarded the remaining $1 to one student in the Fall 2020 semester.

CSC determined two groups of eligibility, 1) students who have completed the FAFSA and passed all eligibility requirements and 2) those who have not completed the FAFSA but could potentially be eligible if she or he completed the FAFSA. This group of students were required to upload the supporting documentation to validate eligibility. As noted by the USDE, students enrolled in purely online programs are not eligible for the federal emergency funds.

CSC estimated 1,523 students potentially eligible to receive the emergency relief grant.

CSC sent an email to potentially eligible students with a link to a survey in which they checked each category of expenses incurred. The grant amount was determined based on survey response(s), estimated costs for each category based on the estimated Cost of Attendance components, and available funds. Grants were awarded on a first come first serve basis.

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Round II Emergency Relief Aid

On January 14, 2021, CSC received the Grant Award Notification from the U.S. Department of Education for $540,639 available to eligible students.

As of March 4, 2021, CSC awarded 131 students emergency relief funds in the amount totaling $254,000 identified as group 1.

As of March 9, 2021, CSC awarded additional 11 students emergency relief funds in the amount totaling $22,000 to group 1. (These were pending awaiting validation of eligibility)

As of April 1, 2021, CSC awarded 34 students emergency relief funds in the amount totaling $22,900 identified in group 2.

CSC is awarding these funds in priority order based on exceptional need. As of April 12, 2021, CSC determined two groups of eligibility 1) Pell eligible students who have $5,000+ unmet need who have been impacted financially by COVID 19 and 2) Pell eligible students with > $5,000 unmet need who have been financially impacted by COVID 19 and who demonstrated exceptional need based on submission of supporting documentation. Group 3 priority review is in the process of identifying eligible candidates.

CSC sent emails to the identified eligible candidates with a survey link to complete. Group 1, survey included only a reply to a Y/N question if they had been financially impacted by COVID 19. Group 2, survey included a set of identifying exceptional need questions and submission of supporting documentation.