## **ROUND TWO - CARES Act: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund**

Many students are experiencing unexpected expenses related to the disruption of campus operations as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Navarro College received a Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF) grant created under the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, which will be used to advance our commitment to helping students affected by the current COVID-19 crises. The CARES Act Emergency Aid provides financial aid grants to students whose lives have been disrupted, many of whom are facing financial challenges and struggling to make ends meet.

A second round of the CARES Act Emergency Aid will open up on July 10, 2020 and will close on August 22, 2020 by 12 pm. The second round of CARES Act Emergency Aid will provide financial aid grants to qualified students who are satisfactory attending fall 2020. A third-round opens in November targeting qualified students who are satisfactorily attending spring 2021. Federal funds are limited and awards will be based on the number of qualified applicants, total amounts requested, and funding available for each round.

#### **Round Two Timeline:**

Application Opens	Friday, July 10, 2020
Application Deadline	12:00 p.m. CST on Saturday, August 22, 2020
Notification of Awards	by Friday, September 18, 2020
Disbursement of Grants	by Friday, September 25, 2020

### CARES Act: Who Can Apply?

- Satisfactorily attending fall 2020 in an approved degree or credential.
- Navarro College students who attended a face-to-face class as of March 6, 2020,
- Students who attended exclusively online as of March 6, 2020 are not eligible.
- U.S. citizen or national, a permanent resident, or an eligible noncitizen, and have a social security number,
- Registered for the selective service (if male),
- Earned a high school diploma, GED, or completion of high school in approved homeschool setting,
- Not owe any financial aid or have defaulted on any financial aid loan, or not have been involved in any fraudulent receipt, distribution, or overpayment of financial aid funds,

- Not have a federal or state conviction for drug possession or sale, with certain time limitations,
- Be in good Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standing,
- Financial Need based on expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus (including eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care), and

# **Steps to Apply:**

1. Fill out the <u>online application</u>. Round Two opens Friday, July 10, 2020 – Saturday, August 22, 2020 by 12 pm.

2. Complete and submit a FREE APPLICATION for Financial Student Aid. If you have already submitted a FAFSA for 2019 or 2020, step 2 is not required.

3. You will be contacted by Navarro College via e-mail by Friday, September 18, 2020.

4. Disbursements of grants will start Friday, September 25, 2020.

Emergency aid does not require repayment and will not interfere with your current financial aid. If your situation changes, feel free to donate your fund to support other students.

# **Contact Information**

For all other questions regarding Navarro College CARES Act Emergency Aid, please email <u>caresact@navarrocollege.edu</u>