

To: Students
From: FDTC
Date: April 23, 2020
Subject: CARES Act Funding for Students

Dear Students,

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act – also known as the CARES Act – provides fast and direct financial assistance to individuals and families suffering economic hardships as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Colleges and universities are required to use CARES Act funds to provide grants to students for expenses related to disruptions to their education due to COVID-19, including things like course materials and technology, as well as food, housing, health care and childcare.

Florence-Darlington Technical College has received \$1.5 million in CARES Act funding, which will be dispersed immediately to eligible students. To be eligible for CARES Act grants, students must meet the following criteria:

- 1) Students must have been enrolled at Florence-Darlington Technical College on March 13, 2020 (the day the U.S. government declared a national emergency as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak)
- 2) Students must also be Federal Title IV eligible by meeting the following requirements:
 - a. Completed a 2019-2020 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) with all requirements completed and demonstrated financial need
 - b. Have a high school credential
 - c. Meet the Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements: GPA of 2.0 or higher; maintain a 67% or higher completion rate; complete your degree/diploma/certificate within 150% of the required program hours of study
 - d. Be enrolled in an eligible program of study

[DACA, dual enrollment, transient, and non-degree students are not eligible for CARES Act grants.](#)

Florence-Darlington Technical College is verifying individual student eligibility and finalizing the amount of award for each eligible student. Eligible students will receive an email from the Florence-Darlington Technical College Financial Aid Office within the week. The email will explain the award in more detail. Students who receive a CARES Act grant are encouraged to save the money to help pay for summer and fall expenses to remain on track academically. However, use of the funds is entirely at the student's discretion.

Kind Regards,

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