

CARES ACT Funding Report 01/05/2021

Tarleton State University acknowledges that they have signed and returned the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used, or intends to use, no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to the Department of Education on April 18, 2020. Tarleton State University has a federal funding period of April 21, 2020 to April 20, 2021. Tarleton State University has or will receive \$5,446,760.00 pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. A total of \$5,439,951.38 has been distributed to students as of January 5, 2021, under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of 165 days of the submission of the Certification and Agreement. The estimated total number of students that are eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section 18004(a)(1) is 17,244. A total of 3997 students have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. The method by which the institution determined which student received Emergency Financial Aid Grants under the CARES Act and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) are as follows:

1. Students were required to complete an application that is located on the University's COVID-19 Update website. Applications are closed at this time. The application can be found [here](#).
2. Student applications were evaluated individually based on the following criteria:
 - a. How the funds would be used and how the student's specific situation was related to COVID-19 and the disruption of courses. Student were asked to detail their own situation and impact on the application.
 - b. Student must be enrolled in the Spring 20, Summer 20, or Fall 20 term.
 - c. Is the student qualified to receive the CARES Act Emergency Financial Aid Grant? Internationals, DACA, and Online Degree Program students were disqualified based on the CARES Act guidance.
 - d. Does the student have a current FAFSA on file, and if not, do they qualify to file a FAFSA? SAP Status, Registration with Selective Service, valid Social Security Number, and citizenship were all verified for those students that did not have a FAFSA on file for the Spring 20 and Summer 20 terms. FAFSA is required to be on file for the Fall 20 term applications to be considered.
 - e. Each student was evaluated individually to determine the award amount. EFC, Unmet Need, and various other factors were included in the determination due to the fact that there were other funds that could be used for students that did not qualify for the CARES Act funds.

