

**CARES Act Webpage Update
As of September 29, 2020**

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC) received \$9,513,779 based on Section 18004(a) of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) created as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). In addition, UTC also received \$467,018 from Section 18004(a)(2) as part of the Act’s Strengthening Institutions Program (SIP). No less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act will be used to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

UTC CARES Act Quick Facts (as of September 29, 2020)

Total Funding	\$9,980,797
Funding Available to Students	\$4,756,890
Funding Disbursed to Students	\$4,756,890
Title IV Students Eligible for CARES Act Funding (as of Spring 2020 term)	8,229
Student Block Grant Award Recipients	4,642
Student Emergency Fund Recipients (CARES Act portion only)	452
Total Block Grant and Emergency Fund Student Recipients (with duplication)	5,094

Student Block Grant Awards

The University distributed funds to eligible students through Block Grant Awards on May 1, 2020. The Block Grant Awards were not applied to outstanding balances on student MyMocsNet accounts. Student eligibility for the Block Grant Award was limited to students enrolled in the Spring 2020 semester who met the following criteria:

- Students had to be eligible for Title IV aid as determined by the 2019-2020 FAFSA. This included meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards and resolving any outstanding eligibility requirements from the FAFSA.
- Students must not had been enrolled in a program that was conducted exclusively online as of March 13, 2020. Students whose program was not exclusively online, but who were enrolled in all online Spring 2020 courses as of March 13, 2020, were not eligible for a Block Grant Award but were entitled to apply for aid through the Student Emergency Fund process outlined below.

The University determined eligibility for the Block Grant Awards. Students did not have to complete a separate application to receive them. Eligible students received the following awards based on their Expected Family Contribution (EFC) range:

Group	EFC Range	Award
Undergraduate Students	0-5,576	\$1,000
Undergraduate Students	5,577-15,000	\$650
Graduate Students	0-1,000	\$300

Student Emergency Fund

The University made additional funds available from the HEERF through the existing [Student Emergency Fund](#). Students were eligible to [apply](#) for these additional emergency funds for the following reasons, on an as-needed basis, if they have been impacted by the coronavirus pandemic, are Title IV aid eligible, and are not enrolled in a program that is exclusively online:

- Essential academic needs (e.g. books and supplies);
- Replacement of lost personal items due to the coronavirus pandemic;
- Housing needs (e.g. securing short-term housing, security deposits, assistance with utilities, etc.);
- One-time / non-recurring medical expenses;
- Emergency expenses related to dependents (e.g. childcare); or
- Other allowable expenses outlined by the CARES Act and any subsequent allowable expense guidance offered by the U.S. Department of Education.

The additional funds from the HEERF added to the Student Emergency Fund have been fully expended. However, the University's traditional Student Emergency Fund is still available to students in need through the application process.

Questions

Questions about the Student Emergency Fund should be directed to the Office of Student Outreach and Support by calling 423-425-2299 or by emailing SEF@utc.edu.

Questions about the CARES Act Funding should be directed to Tyler Forrest, Associate Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance, by emailing Tyler-Forrest@utc.edu.

Additional Resources

UTC CARES Act Certification and Agreement 04.17.2020 [insert hyperlink to PDF]

UTC CARES Act Certification and Agreement 05.01.2020 [insert hyperlink to PDF]

UTC CARES Act Certification and Agreement 06.04.2020 [insert hyperlink to PDF]

UTC CARES Act Campus Announcement 04.29.2020 [insert hyperlink to PDF]