

McFatter Technical College
CARES Act
Website/Social Media Announcement
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McFatter Technical College has received funds from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). The CARES Act established and funded the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) to provide emergency financial aid grants intended to assist college students with expenses incurred due to disruption of campus operations. These funds will be disbursed to students to assist with food, housing, course materials, technology, healthcare, and childcare costs associated with significant changes to delivery of instruction due to the coronavirus.

In accordance with the federal CARES Act, McFatter Technical College's total HEERF allocation is \$603,976 of which \$301,988 will be awarded to students as emergency financial aid grants in the amount of \$500 each.

Following guidelines from the US Department of Education, McFatter Technical College will disburse these financial aid grants to students whose learning was disrupted as a result of campus closures which resulted in instruction being delivered remotely. **Students who were enrolled exclusively in an online program prior to the declared emergency**, are not eligible for these financial aid grants.

Eligible students interested in receiving one of these cash grants, must apply in their Focus Student Portal at www.browardfocus.com. Once logged in, look for the CARES application in the Forms menu.

Students may be eligible for the grant if they meet all the criteria below:

- Enrolled in an MTC **on-campus and/or hybrid/blended** Career and Technical Education certificate program as of March 16, 2020, even if the student had subsequently completed the program at time of grant application.
- Completed a 2019-2020 FAFSA application and met all eligibility requirements for Title IV financial aid OR are **eligible to complete** a FAFSA application*.
- Have been financially impacted due to disruption of campus operations caused by COVID-19.
- Possess a high school diploma or a high school equivalency diploma issued from an accredited school.
- Be a U.S. citizen or national, permanent resident, or other eligible noncitizen.
- Have a Social Security Number verified through the FAFSA process.
- If a male between the age of 18-25, have Selective Service registration verified.
- Be making satisfactory academic progress.
- Not owe an overpayment on Title IV grants or loans.
- Not be in default on a Title IV loan.
- Have returned fraudulently obtained Title IV funds if convicted of or pled guilty or no contest to charges.
- Not have fraudulently received Title IV loans in excess of annual or aggregate limits.
- Have repaid Title IV loan amounts in excess of annual or aggregate limits if obtained inadvertently.
- Not have a federal or state conviction for drug possession or sale, with certain time limitations.

*If you have not completed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application and wish to be considered for one of these financial aid grants, go to <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov> to complete the online application, use McFatter Tech's Federal School Code of 030036 and submit all required documents to be eligible for Title IV aid before being considered. How to Apply for Financial Aid Instructions can be found at <https://www.mcfattertechnicalcollege.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Financial-Aid-FAFSA-Flyer-2019-2020.pdf>

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