May 14, 2020

CARES Act Reporting

1. Northwest Iowa Community College has signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that NCC intends to use, no less than 50% of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

2. Northwest Iowa Community College has received $211,268 from the Department of Education pursuant to the institution’s Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) as of the date of submission of this report has been $0. The College expects the initial round of awards to go out to students in early June, 2020.

4. The estimated total number of students at the institution 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 to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is 379.

5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of May 17, 2020 is #0. The initial round of awards are expected to be distributed in early June, 2020.

6. The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act include:
   - A list will be developed of all students who have filed a FAFSAA and who otherwise meet the criteria for CARES Act distribution (at least one face to face class, etc.) These students will be notified thru various means (email, texting, phone calls) that an application is available and the location of the application on the college’s website. Close to May 29, a review committee will review the applications that have been received, and will award the initial round of CARES Act dollars. NCC expects to hold back 10% of CARES ACT dollars for summer start eligible students, and 10% for fall start eligible students.
   - In addition, pending the results of the aforementioned application process, NCC may create an additional awarding process of CARES Act dollars that will be proportional to the number of eligible credits that a student was taking in the spring 2020 semester.

7. All information that has been communicated with students can be found at https://nwicc.edu/cares-act-emergency-funding
Email sent to students on May 8, 2020:

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund application (CARES Act)

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act includes a Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) that provides emergency funding to students in higher education for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the COVID-19 crisis (including eligible expenses under a student’s cost of attendance, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care and transportation).

Through the CARES Act, Northwest Iowa Community College has grant funding of $211,268 available to assist NCC students experiencing financial difficulties related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19.

To be eligible for this assistance, students must:

- Demonstrate an expense which created a financial hardship due to COVID-19 pandemic;
- Have submitted the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA); and
- Meet Title IV eligibility requirements.

The application form is available and can be accessed at the following link: https://nwicc.edu/ncc-cares-application/

Northwest Iowa Community College is determined to fund as many requests as possible. Because the funds are limited, please only request what you need. Deadline is May 29, 2020.

If you have questions, visit the NCC Covid-19 website at https://nwicc.edu/cares-act-emergency-funding

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