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 $136,410.

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 August 24, 2020, is 119.

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.
   - Specific programs (and related eligible students) that where directly impacted by the Covid-19 disruption will be identified and considered for funding.

7. All information that that has been communicated with students can be found at https://nwicc.edu/cares-act-emergency-funding