

## **Emergency Grant through the CARES Act**

The Department of Education provided \$6.28 billion in emergency grant funding for colleges to distribute to students affected by the coronavirus COVID-19. The funding is available through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) authorized by the CARES Act.

The allocation of emergency grant funds to Drake State Community & Technical College is \$380,882. These funds will be distributed to students for technology expenses related to the disruption of their education due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Students must meet Title IV eligibility requirements in order to receive HEERF emergency technology funds. After confirming the Title IV eligibility requirements, education institutions retain discretion over which students will receive the funds.

Section 484 of the Higher Education Act (HEA) states that Title IV eligible students must:

- Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment in a degree or certificate program
- Not be enrolled in elementary or secondary school
- For currently enrolled students, be making satisfactory academic progress
- Not owe an overpayment on Title IV grants or loans
- Not be in default on a Title IV loan
- File "as part of the original financial aid application process" a certification that includes a statement of educational purpose and the student's SSN
- Be a U.S. citizen, a national, permanent resident, or other eligible noncitizen
- 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
- Have Selective Service registration verified
- Have Social Security Number verified
- Not have a federal or state conviction for drug possession or sale, with certain time limitations

As of September 30, 2020, Drake State awarded \$348,800 Emergency Technology Funds to 436 Title IV eligible students that encountered a disruption of their education during the spring semester. Eligible students were notified through their Drake State student email accounts. Checks were mailed to the address listed on student's banner account.

Additional Emergency Technology Funds will be awarded in the upcoming weeks. Students must complete a [2019-2020 or 2020-2021 FAFSA](#) to be considered for Emergency Technology Funds. After reviewing eligibility requirements, the College will notify students by email if they qualify. The amount of emergency aid available to students will be based on the remaining amount of funds of \$32,082.

[Click here](#) for information on how to be considered for the Emergency Technology Funds.