

**Jan. 8, 2021**

North Arkansas College acknowledges the institution has signed and returned to the Department of Certification and Agreement an assurance that North Arkansas College intends to use no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004 (a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

**Total Amount of Funds Received:** \$1,444,804 (\$722,402 for student Emergency Financial Aid Grants)

**Total Amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants Distributed:**

Spring 2020 - Disbursed \$513,250 to a total of 821 students

Summer 2020 - Disbursed \$97,050 to a total of 308 students

Fall 2020 - Disbursed \$112,102 to a total of 392 students

**Estimated Total Number of Eligible Students:** 1,521

**Total Number of Students Who Have Received An Emergency Financial Aid Grant:** 1,059 unduplicated students

**Method Used to Determine Eligibility:** Students must meet the Title IV eligibility requirements to qualify. In other words, students must have completed the FAFSA application and met the following criteria:

- Be a US Citizen or Eligible Noncitizen
- Have completed high school or its equivalent
- Be registered with Selective Service (if male)
- Not be in default or overpayment on previous federal aid
- Be making Satisfactory Academic Program (SAP)
- Not be enrolled in a completely online program
- Experienced expenses due to interruption of classes and/or courses moving to distance education delivery.

**Emergency Financial Aid Grant Instructions:**

Hi! Student,

Northark hopes you are doing well! As Dr. Esters stated in his earlier email, Northark has received the federal CARES Act money for students, and we are ready to distribute it to you! According to our records, you may be eligible to receive a Pioneer Strong Grant of \$xxx funded by the CARES Act. In order to receive the grant, you must complete the attached certification form indicating that you had expenses related to the Covid-19 pandemic. You can select to have your money directly deposited into your banking account on file at Northark or

choose to have a check mailed to you. Please make sure that your address is correct on the form if you choose to receive a check. Below is the timeframe of distribution:

Please click the link and complete the certification

form: <https://www.cognitoforms.com/NorthArkansasCollege1/PioneerStrongGrantCertification>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [tbrown@northark.edu](mailto:tbrown@northark.edu).

Stay Strong!

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