



CARES Act Emergency Relief Grants to Students – Final Report

On April 15, 2020, New Mexico Tech signed and returned the CARES Act Certification and Agreement to the Department of Education. By signing this document, New Mexico Tech intends to use no less than 50% of our allocations from the CARES to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. The details of our agreement are as follows:

New Mexico Tech will receive a total of \$1,353,198 from the CARES Act. Of this, \$676,599 will be used to make Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

As of March 31, 2021, NMT has distributed \$676,599 of the CARES funds on Emergency Grants to students. \$87,822 was disbursed this quarter.

957 students were identified as eligible to receive funding through the CARES Act Program. All students were given the opportunity to apply for funding via an online application form. In total, 506 students applied and received funding from the CARES Act Emergency Grants including 70 students during this quarter.

The funding was given to students who applied via our online application and met the requirements. Priority was given to students who were Pell Grant eligible. Funds disbursed during this quarter included funding received through HEERF II Allocations. Because of this, we were able to make allocations of \$1,250 for students who were enrolled full-time (12 credits undergraduate, 9 credits graduate), \$938 for students registered in 6-11 credit hours, and \$625 for students enrolled in less than six credit hours.

The students were notified via email with the subsequent information:

Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds

The Department of Education has provided allocations for schools to make emergency grants available to students who have incurred unexpected expenses as a result of COVID-19 disruptions. In preparation for making these grants available to eligible students, if you have not done so already, please complete your 2020-21 Free Application for Federal Student Aid: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

Please note that the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA) prohibits international students, those enrolled in the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), and undocumented students, from receiving federal public benefits, such as grants.