

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Reporting-Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

Neumont College of Computer Science 45-day Fund Report – 08/21/2020

1. Neumont College of Computer Science signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement. Neumont 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.
2. Neumont College of Computer Science has received \$384,837 from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students. 100 percent of these funds will be provided as Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
3. A total of \$257,900 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants has been distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of the 45-day report.
4. Neumont estimates there are 389 total 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.
5. A total of 389 students have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
6. In order to be eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, Neumont students must meet the criteria listed below.
 - A student who is currently enrolled or was enrolled in an on-ground NEUMONT credit course for Spring 2020 Semester on or after March 13, 2020.
 - A student who has been adversely impacted financially by the COVID-19 pandemic and has an emergency need.
 - Must meet the federal financial aid requirements and must have filed a 2019/2020 FAFSA.

Neumont delivers education on-ground. Since the disruption to campus operations due to coronavirus it has been determined that all 389 eligible students have expenses related to technology and have been disbursed \$150 to assist in those expenses. Students with additional expenses related to campus disruption due to the Coronavirus are eligible to request additional funds by completing the Emergency CARES Grant Request Form. Students can request amounts up to \$300. All requests are reviewed by

the Financial Aid Director and Student Affairs Director along with the COVID-19 student relief committee, as needed, to ensure expenses are eligible and related to the disruption of campus operations due to Coronavirus. Pell Eligible students, approximately 240, were then awarded based on the students 2019-2020 Expected Family Contribution on a scale due to limited finances for eligible expenses, see below.

Federal Pell Grant Recipients 2019-2020

<u>EFC</u>	<u>Amount</u>
0	\$800
1-999	\$750
1000-1999	\$700
2000-2999	\$650
3000-3999	\$600
4000-4999	\$550
5000-5576	\$500

7. Neumont provided the following instructions, directions, or guidance to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

NEUMONT EMERGENCY CARES GRANT

The Neumont Emergency CARES Grant is provided by the U.S. Government to support students that have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This funding is available through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. These emergency grants will assist students experiencing financial hardships with expenses related to the disruption of campus operations, including eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance such as:

- Assistance with the purchase of food
- Needs related to housing/rent/utilities
- The purchase of course materials
- Technology related needs
- Assistance with health care and/or childcare expenses

The funds must be used to cover expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus that have impacted a student's educational experience, including the allowable expenses listed above.

Who is eligible for the Neumont Emergency CARES Grant? A Neumont student must meet all criteria listed to qualify:

- A student who is currently enrolled or was enrolled in an on-ground NEUMONT credit course for Spring 2020 Semester on or after March 13, 2020.
- A student who has been adversely impacted financially by the COVID-19 pandemic and has an emergency need.
- Must meet the federal financial aid requirements and must have filed a 2019/2020 FAFSA.

IMPORTANT: The emergency grants cannot be used to replace a loss of income or to pay for student expenses that are not directly related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus pandemic.

- Students need to request funds using the Neumont Emergency CARES Grant Request Form.
- Requests for funding assistance will be reviewed by the Director of Financial Aid, the Student Affairs Direct, and the COVID-19 student relief committee as needed.
- Students may be asked to provide additional information or documentation to support their request.
- Requests must be received no later than 05/15/2020.
- These funds are limited, and requests will be processed in the order in which they are received.

Students who receive additional funds are given the following guidance through email.

These funds are part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and have been allocated as an emergency grant to help cover expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to Coronavirus. These funds may only be used for those approved expenses as submitted on the Neumont emergency CARES grant request form.

Pell Eligible students who receive additional funds based of the EFC Scale are given the following guidance through email.

You qualify for a CARES grant based on your financial need, as reflected in your eligibility for Federal Pell Grant funds and your primary EFC (expected family contribution). The award amount is based on the reported primary EFC of your most recent 2019-2020 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). You will receive these funds within 14 days.

These funds are part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and have been allocated as an emergency grant to help cover expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to Coronavirus. These funds may only be used for expenses such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and childcare.

By accepting these funds, you acknowledge and agree to only use these funds to cover expenses listed above as it relates to the disruption of campus operations due to Coronavirus.