

Overview

The University of Alaska Southeast acknowledges that we have signed and returned the Certification and Agreement and we have awarded and will continue to award the student portion of the CARES Act funding from the U.S. Department of Education in the amount of \$186,470. These awards will help with expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus, including cost of attendance, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and childcare. UAS's plan for the CARES Act is to assist students with the greatest need, in accordance with federal guidelines and to set aside some funding for the emergency relief fund. Approximately, 1142 students are eligible for these funds.

Awards are broken into two separate categories: UAS CARES Emergency Grant, and UAS CARES Emergency Funding

UAS CARES Emergency Grant

Students who were identified as having the greatest need were selected based on Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) range from information provided on the FAFSA and the number of face-to-face classes that were switched to online in March. A total of \$100,000 (53% of the CARES initial allocation) is allocated to students who qualify. Students need not apply for this award, it will be posted to student accounts and refunds will occur shortly afterwards. Recipients of this group will be notified directly via email. As of November 20, 2020, \$92,000 has been disbursed to 327 students based on the following eligibility criteria:

- Spring registration
- UAS primary degree program or certificate
- Title IV eligible only
- Meeting SAP
- Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) range from information provided on the FAFSA and the number of face-to-face classes that were switched to online in March

UAS CARES Emergency Fund

\$86,470 (46% of the CARES initial allocation) has been allocated to this program. This provides a mechanism for students who did not meet the greatest need criteria to apply for assistance with qualifying expenses due to the coronavirus disruption. To receive assistance under this program, students may submit an [electronic request form along](#) with supporting documentation. As of November 20, 2020 we have disbursed \$26,381.56 to 20 students. Funds were disbursed based on the following eligibility criteria:

- UAS primary degree program or certificate
- Title IV eligible only
- Meeting SAP
- Cannot replace wages for dislocated student employees
- Cannot be used to pay a UA bill directly (student can use for this purpose once it has been distributed to them if that is their wish)

Can include food, shelter, medical needs, transportation needs, childcare, equipment/connectivity access, and communications.