

# **Jackson State University**

## **Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act**

Jackson State University is providing emergency financial aid grants to eligible undergraduate and graduate students from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund, which is part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

Here are the details about the use of these funds along with the U.S. Department of Education reporting requirements:

1. JSU signed and returned to the U.S. education department the Certification and Agreement for Higher Education Relief and Funding on May 19, 2020. JSU intends to use no less than 50 percent of the funds under Section 18004 (a)(1) CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
2. JSU received \$8,446,248 from the education department as a result of the CARES Act. A minimum of \$4,223,124 is set aside for student grants and a maximum of \$4,223,124 is allocated as institutional funding.
3. As of June 30, 2020, JSU has distributed 3,667 grants to students through the CARES Act.
4. The total estimated number of JSU students eligible to participate in the CARES Act funding program is 4,623.
5. JSU is disbursing funds in a two-phase process:

Phase 1: Students were required to submit an online application self-certifying their covered expenses related to food, housing, course materials, technology, health care and child care that resulted from a change in the university's business operations. A one-time monetary payment was made to eligible students completing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid, meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress and enrolling in face-to-face classes for Spring 2020.

Phase 2: Awarding will begin after August 1, 2020, based on the availability of remaining funds. The university will use the answers submitted by the student on his/her application in Phase 1 as those answers relate to the student's covered expenses for food, housing, course materials, technology, health care and child

care. The university may distribute additional grants as deemed warranted based on the student's self-certified expenses. Funding amounts are yet to be determined.

6. JSU provided instructions for applying for the grants through email to all eligible students. It also posted step-by-step procedures to the campus portal and provided a dedicated email address for students to send inquiries.