



Trinidad State Junior College  
Award Number P425E202686  
CARES/HEERF Reporting  
January 4, 2021

To: US Department of Education Office of Post-Secondary Education

From: Trinidad State Junior College

Date: January 4, 2021

Re: CARES/HEERF Report #3 May 20, 2020 – January 4, 2021

This report provides the most current information from the date when the institution received its allocation for emergency financial aid grants to students, and the institution should have received its allocation within a few days after submitting the Certification and Agreement. Accordingly, the following information must appear in a format and location that is easily accessible to the public 30 days after the date when the institution received its allocation under 18004(a) (1) and updated every 45 days thereafter:

1. An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used, or 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.
  - Trinidad State Junior College signed the assurance and submitted on April 20, 2020 and received the funds on April 26, 2020.
2. The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
  - \$519,203 minimum will be used for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.



3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a) (1) of the CARES Act as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the 30-day Report and every 45 days thereafter).
  - As of January 4, 2021 Trinidad State Junior College had distributed \$216,139.85 to students.
4. The estimated total number of 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.

940 students are estimated to be eligible under Section 484 in Title IV.
5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
  - As of January 4, 2021 520 students have received a grant.
6. The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
  - All students enrolled in spring, 2020 courses that were not solely online were invited to apply. Students who applied were reviewed to determine if they met initial eligibility as designated by the Department of Education – specifically enrolled in Title IV eligible programs on campus (not online) as of March 13, 2020 and the nature of the impact (housing, technology, childcare, food, instructional materials, other). After review, applications were reviewed by Financial Aid professional staff to determine if the student was Title IV eligible or if additional information is needed to assess Title IV eligibility. The average award is \$475.



7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.
  - The following information was sent to students e-mail accounts and is posted on the TSJC website.

## **Trinidad State Junior College CARES Act Emergency Grant**

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act passed in March, 2020. It established and funded the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF). These funds are to provide financial assistance to Trinidad State Junior College students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus.

As a student of TSJC if you incurred expenses or hardships related to the coronavirus that disrupted your education, we may be able to help! This includes but is not limited to rent, food, childcare, healthcare or related expenses.

The TSJC CARES Act Grant can help. \$300.00 awards are available to assist with expenses related to the COVID-19 disruption. Please fill out the [TSJC CARES Act Grant Request form HERE](#). Funds will be processed through your BankMobile account.

Eligible students include US citizen and Lawful Permanent Residents taking on campus classes during the spring 2020 semester who have completed high school.

CARES Act Grant funding is limited and will be distributed as soon as possible while the funds last. Applying for the funding early is strongly encouraged. If you are unsure if you are eligible, please apply and we will assist you accordingly.

### **Eligibility requirements per the US Department of Education**

Eligible students include US citizens taking on campus classes who have completed high school. Students in programs that were exclusively online prior to March 13, 2020 are not eligible. Eligibility will be verified prior to the distribution of grant funding. Students who have not filed a FAFSA but who are eligible to file a FAFSA also may receive emergency financial aid grants. The criteria to participate in programs under Section 484 of the HEA include but are not limited to the following: U.S. citizenship or eligible noncitizen; a valid Social Security number; registration with Selective Service (if the student is male); and a high school diploma, GED, or completion of high school in an approved homeschool setting. Source: [US Dept. of Education](#).

