



CARES Act Grant Frequently Asked Questions Guide

Eligibility

1. Am I eligible to receive the CARES Act Grant?

Please refer to GMC's "Am I Eligible for the CARES Act Grant" flowchart, by [clicking here](#).

2. Why are students, who are enrolled exclusively in online courses, not eligible for the CARES Act Grant?

The CARES Act funds provided to Higher Education Institutions (for Student Grants) are for assisting students with the cost and disruption of their in-seat courses moving to an online platform. Due to the Department of Education's regulations, with respect to the CARES Act Grant funds to higher education institutions, students who were already enrolled in exclusively online courses are not eligible for the grant.

3. Do I qualify for the CARES Act Grant if I am a Dual Enrolled, Joint Enrolled, International or DACA/Undocumented Student?

Students in these categories are not eligible for the CARES Act Grant per the Department of Education's regulations.

4. If I'm not a degree seeking student, am I eligible for the CARES Act Grant?

Recipients must be eligible for Federal Financial Aid (Title IV). Students who are non-degree seeking or enrolled as a transient are not eligible for Title IV financial aid, and therefore are not eligible for the CARES Act Grant.

5. If I was not enrolled for the 2020 Spring Term at GMC, am I eligible to receive the CARES Act Grant?

In order to be eligible to receive CARES Act Grant Funds, a student must have been enrolled in courses during the 2020 Spring Term.

6. Do I have to apply for the CARES Act Grant?

Eligible students will be issued their CARES Act Grant automatically, the student does not apply to receive these funds.

7. Do I have to complete the FAFSA in order to receive the CARES Act Grant?

Although a student is not required to complete a FAFSA in order to qualify for the CARES Act Grant, a student must be otherwise eligible for Federal Financial Aid (Title IV) in order to receive these funds.

8. Does receiving VA Benefits, such as Chapter 33, affect my eligibility for the CARES Act Grant?

No, receiving any financial aid, such veterans' benefits, scholarships and/or any other grants does not affect a student's eligibility to receive the CARES Act Grant.

9. Does being an Academy Scholar (Cadet) affect my eligibility for the CARES Act Grant?

No, being an Academy Scholar, or any other type of GMC cadet, does not affect a student's eligibility to receive the CARES Act Grant.

10. Can I receive the CARES Act Grant if I was enrolled in less than full time?

Yes, so long as the student was enrolled in at least one in-seat course for the 2020 Spring term and they meet all other qualifications (listed on the [“Am I Eligible for the CARES Act Grant”](#)) – the student is eligible for the CARES Act Grant.

11. If I’m enrolled in a combination of in-seat courses and online, am I eligible for the CARES Act Grant?

Yes, so long as the student was enrolled in at least one in-seat course for the 2020 Spring term and they meet all other qualifications (listed on the [“Am I Eligible for the CARES Act Grant”](#)) – the student is eligible for the CARES Act Grant.

12. Is the CARES Act Grant considered Financial Aid?

CARES Act Funds are not considered financial aid and will not be applied towards a student’s Cost of Attendance.

13. If was on SAP Suspension or was Terminated during the Spring term, am I eligible for the CARES Act Grant?

Students who were on SAP suspension, or terminated, as of April 29, 2020 (the day CARES Act Grant student eligibility was assessed) are not eligible for the CARES Act Grant.

Financial Aid

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15. Does the CARES Act Grant have to be repaid?

No, the student is not responsible for repaying any of their CARES Act Grant.

16. Does the CARES Act Grant affect any the financial aid I’m receiving?

No, as CARES Act Funds are not considered financial aid will not be applied towards a student’s Cost of Attendance, these funds will not affect any financial aid a student may be receiving.

Receiving Payment/Billing

17. Is the CARES Act Grant applied to outstanding balance with GMC?

CARES Act Grants will be issued directly to eligible students and will not be applied toward any outstanding balance at GMC.

18. Can I pay my GMC balance using my CARES Act Grant?

Once you receive your CARES Act Grant via direct deposit or by mail, you may use those funds to pay a GMC balance.

19. Am I required to have direct deposit in order to receive the CARES Act Grant?

Although having direct deposit set up is not required, it is highly recommended in order to receive your grant funds quickly. Those who do not have direct deposit set up will be issued their grant, via a paper check, which will be mailed USPS.

20. How do I enroll in or update my direct deposit information?

You may enroll or ensure your current direct deposit information is correct by [clicking here](#). You will then enter your GMC username and password. From there, click "Financial Information" under the Self-Service menu, then click "Bank Information." You will then enter your bank routing and account number. Once completed, you must read and accept the terms and conditions and click submit.

21. Where can I see that my CARES Act Grant was awarded?

You may view their CARES Act Grant award by logging into their [GMC Student Portal](#). You will then enter your GMC username and password. From there, click "Financial Information" under the Self-Service menu, then click "Student Finance Self-Service." You will then click on the "2020 Spring Term," and click "expand all." The grant will appear in the miscellaneous section of the page.

22. What are the award amounts for students who are eligible for the CARES Act Grant?

GMC Cadets and Pell eligible students will receive a grant of \$1,000. Student's who are not Pell eligible will receive a grant of \$900.

23. When will I receive my CARES Grant if I am eligible?

GMC will begin issuing CARES Act Grants on May 1, 2020.

24. If I am eligible to receive the CARES Act Grant, when will I receive it?

Eligible students will begin receiving their CARES Act Grant on May 1, 2020. Students who are enrolled in direct deposit will receive their funds via their banking account. Those who are not enrolled in direct deposit will be issued their grant via a paper check, which will be mailed USPS.

25. How do I ensure GMC has my correct mailing address?

A student may log into their GMC Student Portal. Once you have entered your GMC username and password, you will navigate to the "Self-Service" menu and click on "Student Information" and then "My Profile" to view the current address on file.

26. How do I update my mailing address?

A student may update their mailing address by emailing registrar@gmc.edu. The email must include the student's name, GMC ID, and correct mailing address.