



Georgia Military College

Emergency Financial Grants to Students under Section 18004 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Policy

Purpose

This document outlines Georgia Military College (GMC) policy on the Emergency Financial Aid Grants offered to GMC students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. In addition to policy this document also addresses implementation guidance. The policy and guidance does not address scholarships and grants provided to preparatory school students or scholarships provided by the GMC Foundation.

Policy

GMC will implement the CARES Act and strictly adhere to the Department of Education guidance.

Background

On March 27, 2020, the Secretary of Education authorized payment of \$5,998,679 to GMC in grant funds under the CARES Act. GMC is required to use no less than \$2,999,340 (50%) of the funds received to provide emergency financial aid grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus (including eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care and child care).

Guidance

For the student funds, GMC will not apply CARES Act funds to student balances, nor will GMC reimburse itself for any costs or expenses, including but not limited to any costs associated with significant changes to the delivery of instruction due to the coronavirus and will not reduce previously awarded federal, state, or institutional financial aid awards.

The only statutory requirement is the funds be used to cover expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus. Funds awarded under the CARES Act are not considered Federal financial aid under Title IV of the HEA.

Eligible GMC students who were enrolled 2020 Spring (even those who have withdrawn from one or more courses) will be issued a grant for the cost and disruption of their in-seat course(s) transitioning to an online platform. The Department of Education indicates students who filed or who are eligible to file a FAFSA may receive emergency financial aid grants, if they were otherwise eligible for Title IV funding. However, students who were enrolled exclusively in online courses for 2020 Spring are not eligible for emergency financial aid grants.

In addition to the grant, eligible GMC cadets and civilian student athletes (CSA), living in campus housing, will be reimbursed for their individual, round-trip transportation cost.



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The RM Office will report awarded grants to the Secretary of Education thirty (30) days from the date of signing the CARES Act Certification and Agreement and every forty-five (45) days thereafter. The report will include information regarding the expenditure of CARES Act funds, and may specify how grants were distributed to each student, how the amount of each grant was calculated, and any instructions or directions given to students about the grants. GMC will report copies of any communication (social media, email blasts, etc.) concerning the availability of the CARES Act funds to Secretary of Education.

Awarding CARES Act Grant funds to Students

GL #: Grant Expense: 40-00212-79100-00

The CARES Act Grant is awarded to provide emergency financial aid grants to GMC students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus (including eligible expenses under a student’s cost of attendance such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care and child care).

The RM Office will award grants based on the criteria outlined within this policy directly to students. RM will monitor awarding of grants to ensure the intent of the CARES Act is followed, ensure awards are provided to the students in a consistent manner and all eligible students were considered for grant awards.

Cadets and CSAs Living in Campus Housing*	\$1,030.40 Grant Plus, Transportation Reimbursement**
Pell Eligible Students	\$1,030.40 Grant
Non-Pell Eligible Students	\$930.40 Grant

**Students in this category do not appear in any other category.*

***The transportation reimbursement includes a \$35 meal per diem for two days, round-trip airfare to/from their home, or round-trip mileage to/from their home at a rate of \$0.57 per mile.*