Acknowledgement

Calhoun Community College acknowledges that the institution signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement that assures that at least 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act will be used to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students. The Certification and Agreement was signed on April 14, 2020 by Dr. Joe Burke, Interim President.

Amount of Funding Received

Calhoun Community College has received $2,196,124 from the U.S. Department of Education for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

Amount of Funding Distributed to Students

As of May 13, 2020, Calhoun Community College has not distributed any Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

Estimated Number of Eligible Students

Based on College data for Spring Semester, 2020, 8,876 students are 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 under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

Number of Students Who Have Received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant

As of May 13, 2020, no students have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant. However, the College expects to begin distributing Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students no later than May 31, 2020.

Method Used to Determine Which Students Will Receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants

The following method was used to determine which students will receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants:

Step 1: Determine the total number of students enrolled Spring Semester, 2020 in college credit programs.

Step 2: Remove Dual Enrollment students due to ineligibility to meet requirements to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965.
Step 3:  Remove incarcerated students who were not eligible to meet requirements to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

Step 4:  Remove students who were enrolled exclusively in online classes, based on guidance from the Alabama Community College System.

Step 5:  Divide the amount of grant funds available ($2,196,124) evenly by the number of students remaining so that each eligible student receives the same amount.

Step 6:  Notify students via email of their Emergency Financial Aid Grant award. These students will also receive a text message reminding them to check their college email account for instructions on the Emergency Financial Aid Grant. Grant awards will be completed electronically, whenever possible. However, for students wishing to receive a paper check by email, the College will mail checks to the students’ home address on file.

**Directions/Guidance Provided to Students**

The following instructions will be provided to students who receive the Emergency Financial Aid Grants:

“You have been awarded an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, Economic Security (CARES) Act. This grant is provided to you by the U.S. Department of Education for eligible expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the Coronavirus. Eligible expenses include food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care expenses. Your eligibility to receive the Emergency Financial Aid Grant was determined by your enrollment in at least one class delivered in a traditional setting as of March 16, 2020.

Your grant award will be paid according to the preference you have indicated through BankMobile. If you have not selected a preference or set up a BankMobile account, please visit RefundSelection.com and enter your Personal Code or choose to get a Personal Code. You may then choose your preferred delivery method. When an option is not selected, your check will be mailed and the delivery of your funds may take up to 21 days, depending upon USPS delivery timeframes. Should you choose not to select a refund option, please ensure your address on file is current in MyCalhoun so that your check will be mailed to the correct address and will not cause a delay in receiving your funds.”