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SCTC’s Approved Advanced Fund Allotment (student portion): \$1,956,144.00

- Must be direct cash payments (refunds) to the students
- Reporting required 30 days after certification and every 45 days thereafter
 - How grants were calculated
 - Instructions provided to students
- Secretary DeVos suggests prioritizing students with the greatest need, distributing funds quickly and widely
- Distribute funds within 1 year of date of agreement

Proposed Administrator: Dr. Michelle Bedford

Rationale:

The COVID-19 Pandemic has impacted the College’s students in a variety of ways creating financial hardships related to employment, housing, childcare, food, utilities, and medical expenses. To address these hardships, the College is providing its eligible spring term 2020 students, excluding non-resident aliens, DACA students, dual enrollment, distance education (online-only), students who have loans in defaulted/overpayment status, students who were only enrolled in a part of term that ended prior to 3/13/2020, students who have unresolved verification requirements, and

transient students an emergency stipend to help relieve the financial hardship caused by COVID-19.

Qualified students must meet the following requirements: be enrolled after March 13, in at least 1 credit hour, eligible for Title IV funding, must have a 19/20 ISIR on file, and cannot have any C codes (no outstanding verification requirements).

The award amount will be calculated based on the number of credit hours in which the student is enrolled in during spring and summer terms 2020. Full-time students enrolled in 12 credit hours or more will receive \$650.00, part-time students enrolled in 9-11 credit hours will receive a \$500.00 award and students enrolled in 8 credit hours or less will receive a \$325.00 grant.

The spring disbursement equates to approximately 65% of the advanced fund allotment or student portion. Additionally, approximately 25% of the advanced fund allotment or student portion will be disbursed to summer term 2020 students who were enrolled during spring term 2020 and the remaining funds will be used for emergency grants to mitigate extenuating circumstances documented by a student emergency grant application.

Funds that are not expended, in these categories, by the end of the grant period, may be reallocated to new students who were encouraged to complete a FAFSA, but were not included in the first cohort or previously eligible students. A new student, for the purposes of this plan, is one who had not completed a FAFSA and did not receive an initial award, but was otherwise eligible and since completed a FAFSA.

The Emergency Grant fund will be disbursed to current fall term 2020 students who are eligible for Title IV federal aid. An application with an attestation substantiating the student has been adversely impacted by COVID-19 will be required. A one-time \$500 grant will be available to eligible students on a first come first served basis.

The following charts illustrate the aforementioned allotments:

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Total Amount	Spring Awards	Summer Awards	Emergency Grant
\$1,956,144.00	\$1,227,750.00	\$523,050.00	\$95,500.00

2,549 Eligible Spring Term Students

Credit Hours	Total Students (Spring 2020)	Award Amount	Total
12 or more credit hours	890	\$650	\$578,500.00
9-11 credit hours	629	\$500	\$314,500.00
8 or less credit hours	1030	\$325	\$334,750.00

1,291 Eligible Summer Term Students

Credit Hours	Total Students (Summer 2020)	Award Amount	Total
12 or more credit hours	138	\$650	\$89,700.00
9-11 credit hours	335	\$500	\$167,500.00
8 or less credit hours	818	\$325	\$265,850.00

184 Eligible Fall Term Students

Credit Hours	Total Students (Fall 2020)	Award Amount
not applicable	184	\$500