

International Baptist College and Seminary (IBCS)
Chandler, Arizona
Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act
Student Emergency Relief Grant

CARES Act Grant Information

The federal government has allocated funds through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) CARES Act to assist college students. The CARES Act grant must be used to address “the pressing financial need of students due to the disruption of campus operations from coronavirus.”

The U.S. Department of Education (ED) has allocated specified grant funds to IBCS, and IBCS has been given discretion to determine recipients and appropriate amounts according to the guidelines provided by ED on April 21, 2020.

In accordance with the reporting requirements of Section 18804(e) of the CARES Act, IBCS, an institution receiving funds under this section, is providing the following information:

- IBCS acknowledges that the college signed and returned the Department of Education Certification and Agreement. The institution further certifies it will use a minimum of 50% of the funds, or \$35,174 received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
- IBCS received \$35,174 on July 7, 2020, from ED for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1).
- The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of September 1, 2020, is \$35,174.
- The estimated total number of students at IBCS eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is 37.
- The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is 37 as of September 1, 2020.
- IBCS has awarded grants of up to \$2,000 under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. The following are the methods in which IBCS determined which students received funds and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act:
 - As per documents [posted](#) by ED, students enrolled exclusively online as of March 13, 2020, which is the date that [Proclamation 9994](#) was issued declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), were not given consideration for funding.
 - Students who had withdrawn prior to the issues of Proclamation 9994 on March 13, 2020 were excluded.
 - International Students were excluded by law.
 - Students who were enrolled in less than one (1) credit hour were not considered for funding.
 - Only students enrolled for the purpose of receiving credit were included.

- All remaining eligible students were considered for a variable award based on the following factors:
 - All eligible students will receive a base of \$100 award.
 - Students demonstrating significant financial need were provided an additional amount.
 - Students who completed both their 19-20 FAFSA and necessary verification were then given additional funds based on their most recent EFC (as of May 1, 2020) and enrollment. Zero (0) EFCs receiving the highest amount who are eligible for Title IV funds but did not complete their FAFSA and necessary verification were awarded funds if there were funds remaining.
 - Eligible students are to use funds to cover expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus. Eligible expenses include food, housing, course materials, technology, travel, healthcare, childcare, and other expenses related to the student's Cost of Attendance or course completion.
 - Students will be notified of their eligibility and when their funds have been sent. Questions may be addressed to the IBCS Financial Aid Office (financialaid@ibcs.edu). IBCS will distribute CARES Act Grant funds via check directly to eligible students.
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