

I am pleased to inform you that Rolla Technical Institute/Center has received approval for money under the CARES Act to award to students to help offset expenses associated with the campus disruption due to COVID-19. Please read the following information to get a better understanding of what this means to you.

Award Basics

Schools have the option to award money to all eligible students (if they know what everyone's expenses are) or to create an application for students to use to apply for the money. We have chosen to do both.

Since the expenses have to be related to campus disruption, we considered things such as the need for adequate computer technology, home internet or increased bandwidth, a printer, supplies that a student would normally have access to at school, increased utility and food bills due to more time spent at home, and increased child care costs due to early school closings. We believe that we can conservatively justify that any student would have \$1,500 worth of expenses of these types over the period of our disruption. Therefore, we have decided to award all eligible students \$1,500.

We do understand that some students may genuinely have more than \$1,500 in expenses related to the campus disruption due to COVID-19. To that end, we have created an application process. Please keep in mind that in order for us to consider an additional award, you will need to

show that your expenses were greater than the \$1,500 of the base award.

Eligibility

- Must be a current student who was enrolled on March 13 and will still be enrolled when the money is disbursed in June
- Must be eligible to participate in Title IV (do not have to participate in Title IV, but have to be eligible - no issues with default, selective service registration, citizenship, etc.)

Process

- **All eligible students should sign the acceptance letter for the base award of \$1,500 either accepting or rejecting it and, if accepting, self-certifying that you will use it for qualifying expenses**
- Any eligible student who has more than \$1,500 in qualifying expenses should also complete the application requesting additional funding and attach any supporting documentation
- Please turn in any signed acceptance/rejection letters and any applications with documentation to financial aid or your instructors

Timeline

I would like to have checks cut to give to students at the June 11 board meeting. All documentation for that board

meeting is due by May 27th. Anything received later than May 27th would have to go to a later board meeting.

Important Notes

- This money is intended to go directly to students and cannot be held by RTI/C and applied to your account
- This money is not financial aid and does not affect your lifetime eligibility for Pell or aggregate loan limits

It is our hope that this money will help you stay on track with your educational goals. It is also our hope that by creating a base award that should be adequate to cover the costs for most students that we have limited the burden of applying and documenting expenses.

I am attaching an informational notice about the grant, the acceptance letter, and the application for additional grant funding.

If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me via email.