

**Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds
Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act
U.S. Department of Education Reporting Requirements
Great Plains Technology Center, Lawton, OK**

Great Plains Technology Center Superintendent Clarence Fortney submitted the application and Funding Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students (Grants) under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act on April 23, 2020. Approval and access to funding was granted on May 1, 2020. The method used by Great Plains Technology Center to determine which students were eligible to receive Grants, the amounts to be awarded, and instructions on applying for Grants were outlined in an email communication to students (see below) on May 13, 2020.

Great Plains Technology Center was approved to receive \$352,900 under the CARES Act, of which \$176,841, or 50%, will be used to provide Grants to students. Of the estimated 140 total students eligible to receive Grants under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, Great Plains Technology Center distributed:

- \$110,200 to 76 students by May 22, 2020
- \$188,500 to 130 students by June 17, 2020
- \$194,300 to 134 students by July 7, 2020

Weekly checks were processed to eligible students with approved applications.

All students received the following information about the CARES Act

Grant:

May 13, 2020 –

Dear Students,

In an announcement dated April 9th, 2020, U.S. Department of Education Secretary Betsy De Vos noted Great Plains Technology Center has been provided federal funds to support students through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. These funds are available to be disbursed as grants to eligible students who meet certain criteria. These grants, which do not have to be repaid, are intended to provide funds for students to cover unforeseen expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus, including but not limited to food, housing, healthcare, and course-related materials or services, such as technology.

To be eligible, you must meet the following criteria:

1. US citizen or an eligible noncitizen and have a valid Social Security number
2. Registered with Selective Service, if required
3. Enrolled in a Full-Time Program (either Full day or Half day) at Great Plains Technology Center on March 13, 2020

Grant amounts for students meeting this criteria are up to \$1450 for enrolled students. To receive this grant you must submit an application certifying you meet all eligibility requirements. The application may be found by clicking the link below, or a copy was also mailed to your address on file with GPTC. Please complete the form by submitting it online or returning the form mailed to you.

<https://greatplains.edu/cares-relief/>

Please complete the application as soon as possible.

-If completed by 5/19/2020 your payment will be set to be mailed by 5/21/2020.

-If completed between 5/20/2020 and 5/31/2020 your payment will be set to be mailed by 6/2/2020.

-All applications received after 6/1/2020 will be mailed on 6/16/2020.

Sincerely,

Great Plains Technology Center

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