

Q&A on The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (Cares) Act.

Q: What is the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Acts?

A: It is an Act by the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) that provides more than \$14 billion in emergency funding to higher education. Of those funds, more than \$6 billion must go directly to students in the form of emergency financial aid grants (HEERF-student share) for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the COVID-19 crisis.

Q: How does the HEERF define how students can qualify for this Money?

A: Students must meet two Criteria.

1: Only students who are or could be eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), may receive emergency financial aid grants. If a student has filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), then the student has demonstrated eligibility to participate in programs under Section 484 the HEA. Students who have not filed a FAFSA but who are eligible to file a FAFSA also may receive emergency financial aid grants. The criteria to participate in programs under Section 484 of the HEA include but are not limited to the following: U.S. citizenship or eligible noncitizen; a valid Social Security number; registration with Selective Service (if the student is male); and a high school diploma, GED, or completion of high school in an approved homeschool setting.

2: Have expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus.

Q: Did CMN get relief money to disburse to students?

A: Yes

Q: How can a student apply for the emergency relief money?

A: A student can go to _____ and fill out the short Application/Survey. Once the Application/Survey is submitted the College of Menominee Nation committee on Emergency Cares Act will meet to confirm student eligibility for the relief money

Q: How will students know if they qualified for the relief money?

A: The College of Menominee Nation will send students an Email notifying them once the Committee on Cares Act meets to go through the short application/Survey?

Q: If a student qualifies for money how will it be disbursed to them?

A: If a student has a direct deposit set up the money will show up in their account. If no direct deposit is set up a check will be mailed out to the student.

Q: Can a student qualify for the money more than once?

A: Yes, Students can receive one payment pre academic year (19-20 or 20-21) from the Emergency Cares Act.

Q: Who should a student contact if they have questions on the Emergency Cares Act process?

A: You may contact Denise Madosh demadosh@menominee.edu or Austin Retzlaff aretzlaff@menominee.edu