

**September 30, 2021**

## **CARES Disbursement Information**

We recognize that many Coastal Pines Technical College students have experienced financial difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. A provision of the CARES Act, the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) specifically provides money to colleges to assist with COVID-19-related expense and give direct aid to students most in need at this difficult time.

Coastal Pines Technical College has been awarded additional federal Coronavirus grant funds that are available through the Higher Education Emergency Relief (HEER) Funds. These funds allow colleges to distribute grants to students to cover expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19, to assist in covering any component of a student's cost of attendance, and to assist with emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, healthcare, and childcare.

Eligible students who are registered for fall semester 2021 classes will be awarded CARES or HEERF funds the first week of November. The funds will be distributed through the method set up by each student with Bank Mobile.

This fall semester 2021, students do not have to complete a separate CARES application. However, students who have a completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2021-2022 year will be evaluated to determine their eligibility for a larger award amount. The results of the FAFSA, a calculated Expected Family Contribution (EFC), identify students with exceptional need. As required, students with exceptional need will receive larger awards.

If your income has changed due to unemployment or reduced employment since filing your taxes, it may be possible to adjust your EFC. You are encouraged to request professional judgement. Contact the Financial Aid Office [FinAid@coastalpines.edu](mailto:FinAid@coastalpines.edu) for more information.

The eligibility requirements this fall semester are less stringent and more students are eligible. High school dual enrollment students, transient students, and students who are auditing a class are not eligible.

Students with an EFC (Expected Family Contribution) of less than 5847 will be awarded \$1400 if registered for 12 or more credit hours and \$1000 if less than 12 credit hours. Students with an EFC of more than 5846 who were registered for 12 or more credit hours will be awarded \$ 900 and \$ 600 if less than 12 credit hours. Students who are awarded will be sent an award notification email to their CPTC student email account.

The Federal Government has required that the following information be placed on the College's website:

- Coastal Pines Technical College signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement form to receive education stabilization funds under Section 1004(a)(1) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law No: 116-136. The College intends to use no less than the required amount funds designated under

the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs to provide Emergency Financial Grants to Students.

- Coastal Pines Technical College was allocated \$ 5,556,019 from the Department pursuant to the institution’s Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA and APR (s)(1) and (a)(4) programs. As of September 30,2021, \$ 2,038,612 has been distributed directly to students.
- Coastal Pines Technical College was also allocated \$ 7,998,632 from the Department pursuant to the institution’s Certification and Agreement for the Institution Portion. The College has the option to distribute some of these funds directly to students. As of September 30, 2021, \$879,068 has been distributed to students.
- Pursuant to Section 18004(a)(2) of the CARES Act, Coastal Pines Technical College was allocated \$268,596 under the Strengthening Institutions Grant to assist with college-related expenses. The College also has the option to distribute some of these funds directly to students. As of September 30, 2021, \$ 73,856 has been directly distributed to students.

Coastal Pines Technical College has made several distributions of funds to ensure the maximum number of students receive assistance. All students who meet the eligibility requirements each semester are awarded.

<b>Term</b>	<b>Number of Students Awarded</b>
Spring 2020	939
Summer 2020	599
Fall 2020	652
Spring 2021	601
Summer 2021	1326

- The first distribution took place in Spring semester 2020. The amounts distributed for the first distribution were \$1,000 for students enrolled for 12+ credit hours, \$750 for 9-11 credit hours, \$500 for 6-8 credit hours, \$250 for 1-5 credit hours for students who met the following criteria:
  - Be enrolled at the College on or after March 13 for the Spring Semester 2020,
  - Have a FAFSA for the 2019-2020 award year with no outstanding verification or financial aid completion requirements,
  - Have a spring-eligible Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) status,
  - Be a U.S. Citizen, resident, or eligible non-citizen,
  - Not be enrolled as a High School Dual Enrollment, Transient, or Special Admit student,

- Must have been enrolled in at least one face-to-face class.
- Summer semester 2020 additional distributions were made to students who received a spring semester CARES disbursement and were enrolled in classes summer semester. The award amounts were \$600 for students enrolled for 12+ credit hours, \$450 for 9 - 11 credit hours, \$300 for 6 - 8 credit hours, \$300 for 1 - 5 credit hours. A second summer distribution was made to all summer semester CARES recipients for \$ 57 regardless of their course load.
- For the Fall semester 2020 and Spring Semester 2021 distributions, students were required to complete an application attesting that they have been impacted financially by the COVID-19 crisis. All students were notified via CPTC student email of the eligibility requirements and were encouraged to complete the application. Once the application was received and the student determined eligible, students were awarded. Fall semester 2020 awards were \$800 for 12+ credit hours, \$600 for 9 – 11 credit hours, \$400 for 6 – 8 credit hours, \$ 200 for 1 – 5 credit hours. Spring semester awards were \$1,200 for 12+ credit hours, \$900 for 9 – 11 credit hours, \$600 for 6 – 8 credit hours, and \$300 for 1 – 5 credit hours.
- Coastal Pines Technical College received additional CARES funds allocations prior to summer semester 2021 distributions. Students did not have to complete a separate application to receive an award. Students with an EFC (Expected Family Contribution) of less than 5847 were awarded \$1300 if registered for 12 or more credit hours and \$900 if less than 12 credit hours. Students with an EFC of more than 5846 who are registered for 12 or more credit hours were awarded \$ 800 and \$ 500 if less than 12 credit hours.
- In fall semester 2021 distributions to students with an EFC (Expected Family Contribution) of less than 5847 will be awarded \$1400 if registered for 12 or more credit hours and \$1000 if less than 12 credit hours. Students with an EFC of more than 5846 who are registered for 12 or more credit hours will be awarded \$ 900 and \$ 600 if less than 12 credit hours.

The College is making this information available for transparency purposes. For questions or concerns regarding this Fund Report, please contact Karla Nordone, Vice President for Student Affairs, at [knordone@coastalpines.edu](mailto:knordone@coastalpines.edu)