

**Southern Tech is pleased to announce participation in the Cares Act
Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund – Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.**

Emergency grant funds are offered to students, in addition to any other financial aid received, for emergency expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus.

The Certification and Agreement forms have been submitted and funds have been received to help offset additional expenses for adult students who have committed to continuing their programs through Distance Learning for the remainder of this school year.

No less than 50% of the grant funds, or \$126,027, will be allocated equally to eligible adult students who complete and return a Cares Act form. Students must attest to meeting the Title IV eligibility requirements listed on the form and to use of the funds for allowable expenses.

Eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance include technology, course materials, health care, child care, food and housing. At this time approximately 96 students were determined to be eligible to receive a \$1,300 award. To date 80 students have applied and been successfully awarded and issued totaling \$104,000. Students should contact the Financial Aid Coordinator for information.

Additionally, Certification and Agreement forms were submitted and funds in the amount of \$126,027 have been received to cover costs associated with significant changes to the delivery of instruction due to the coronavirus such as expanding remote learning programs building, IT capacity to support such programs and training faculty and staff to operate safely and effectively in a remote learning environment now and in the future.

The Financial Aid Coordinator and the Business Office are working together ensure proper accounting of funds for allowable purposes and in accordance with cash management principles. To date Southern Tech has expended \$23,746.22 for IT related items, custodial sanitizing supplies, and personal protective supplies.

This notice is posted within 30 days of receipt of allocation and will be updated every 45 days thereafter.
Date of Allocation 4-28-20; 45 day report due 7-10-20, next report due 8-21-20