

**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 post-secondary 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 post-secondary students who have committed to continuing their programs through Distance Learning for the remainder of the Spring semester.

No less than 50% of the grant funds, or \$126,027, will be allocated equally to eligible post-secondary 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. To date 84 post-secondary students applied for and were successfully granted a total of \$109,200. The remaining \$16,827 will be disbursed as a residual payment for 54 those same post-secondary students who are continuing into the Fall 2020 semester.

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 to ensure proper accounting of funds for allowable purposes and in accordance with cash management principles. To date Southern Tech has expended \$126,027 for IT related items, custodial sanitizing supplies and personal protective supplies for students and staff for protection, disruptions, virtual learning and working, and any closures due to the ongoing pandemic.

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; 30-day report posted 5-27-20, 7-10-20, 8-21-20 and next report due 10-05-20