

Eligibility Requirements

The U.S. Department of Education provides guidance and recommendations regarding funding eligibility and requirements.

To be eligible, students must meet the following criteria:

- Enrolled in a financial-aid eligible degree or certificate program during the spring 2020 semester.
- Met satisfactory academic progress (SAP) requirements during the spring 2020 semester.
- Must have been enrolled in at least one face-to-face or hybrid class in spring 2020 semester. Students enrolled in online-only programs cannot be considered.
- Completed a 2019-2020 *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) and was eligible for federal financial aid during the spring 2020 semester (**see note**).
- Obtained a high school diploma, GED, or completion of high school in an approved homeschool setting, with transcripts on file with BMCC.
- Must have incurred expenses, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and childcare, due to COVID-19 related campus disruptions.
- Students who have completely withdrawn or stopped attending all of their classes as of March 13, 2020 are not eligible for a CARES Act emergency grant.

Note:

A student who has not yet completed a 2019-2020 *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* must do so (fafsa.ed.gov) by June 30 to be eligible for a CARES Act emergency grant. Even though a student may not qualify for the Pell grant, they may be eligible for this funding. BMCC also requires the high school diploma or GED on file.