

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act granted funds to institutions through the Higher Education Relief Fund (HEERF). Institutions must use 50 percent of these funds to provide emergency grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Eligible expenses include housing, food, technology, course-related, medical, and child-care.

Shawnee State University signed and submitted the Certification and Agreement Form for these funds on April 20, 2020, which acknowledges the institution has agreed to disburse 50 percent of the funds to students the Shawnee CARES grant program. The Shawnee CARES grant program will distribute \$1,786,455 to currently enrolled students.

Report of Expenditures from Student Portion of HEERF Funds

Date	Number of Students	Amount of Awards
June 11, 2020	515	\$363,799
June 23, 2020	68	\$50,255
June 30, 2020	147	\$92,874
July 16, 2020	24	\$16,035
July 29, 2020	6	\$4,175
August 18, 2020	12	\$9,040
September 1, 2020	24	\$13,127
September 15, 2020	18	\$13,480
October 5, 2020	702	\$1,223,670

All funds have been expended as of October 5, 2020.

An online application opened on Monday, May 11, 2020. The application deadline is Sunday, May 31, 2020. A review of applications will take place after the deadline.

Students (2612) who met the following eligibility criteria received an email notification.

- Filed a FAFSA for the 2019-2020 or 2020-2021 academic year
- Have been enrolled on March 31, 2020 at SSU for the spring 2020 semester as an undergraduate or graduate degree-seeking student
- Not enrolled as an e-campus program (no face-to-face classes) for the spring 2020 semester
- Have a valid social security number
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
- If male, be registered for selective service
- Have a high school diploma, GED, or completed high school in an approved homeschool setting
- Making satisfactory academic progress

- Not in default on a federal student loan

The email sent to students is as follows:

Shawnee CARES Grants (subject line)

From: Office of the President

I'm happy to announce that the application for Shawnee CARES Grants will be available on Monday, May 11 for students currently enrolled in spring semester.

These grants are intended to help defray certain expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus pandemic. Shawnee CARES grants are funded by the federal Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act and will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis while funds are available. Application requests will be considered up to a maximum of \$1,200, however, the full amount of a request cannot be guaranteed.

The funds can be used to cover expenses due to COVID-19 for housing, food, technology, course-related, medical, and childcare. Eligibility requirements have been posted online at: <https://www.shawnee.edu/shawnee-cares>

To apply, visit [MySSU](#) and complete the Shawnee CARES Grant Application located on the Financial Aid tab. Applications will be accepted through the end of business May 31, 2020.

A second application was offered beginning September 9, 2020. Applications were reviewed based on the date they were submitted until the funds were exhausted. Students who were potentially eligible were sent the email listed below.

Shawnee CARES Grant Extended to Fall 2020 (subject line)

From: Office of Financial Aid

Dear Student,

I want to let you know that we are offering Shawnee CARES Grants to students currently enrolled in fall semester and encourage you to apply.

Shawnee CARES is a student emergency grants program that was established in the spring to help with certain student expenses related to the disruption of campus due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Funds can be used to cover expenses such as housing, food, technology, course-related, medical, and childcare. Eligibility requirements have been posted online at: www.shawnee.edu/shawnee-cares.

All degree-seeking students enrolled in an on-ground program during the Fall 2020 Semester at Shawnee State University (even if your courses were moved to hybrid or online) are eligible to apply for a Shawnee CARES grant. Please review the complete list of requirements prior to applying for the grant.

The program is funded by the federal Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Grants are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis while funds are available. Application requests will be considered up to a maximum of \$2,375 however, the full amount of a request cannot be guaranteed.

To apply, visit MySSU and complete the Shawnee CARES Grant Application found under the Financial Aid tab.

For more information, email fin_aid@shawnee.edu.

Thank you and best wishes for your fall semester,

Nicole Neal
Director of Financial Aid