

AMERICAN BAPTIST COLLEGE

CARES Act Student Relief Fund

Recently, American Baptist College was awarded Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) funding to provide monetary emergency assistance to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the Coronavirus. The CARES Act Emergency Relief Grant funding was established to assist students with covering eligible expenses such as food, housing, utilities, course materials, technology, healthcare, childcare, and moving/transportation expenses.

Fund Distribution

- First Wave

All eligible students enrolled in the Spring 2020 as of March 20, 2020 will be sent an initial Relief Fund distribution check of \$750.00 on or before May 31, 2020, to assist in mitigating food, housing, utilities, course materials, technology, healthcare, childcare, and moving/transportation expenses incurred as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the disruption it caused to their matriculation at American Baptist College. No application will be required for eligible students to receive “First Wave” relief funds.

- Second Wave

Students enrolled in the Spring 2020 semester as of March 20, 2020, and enrolled minimally as a half-time student throughout the drop/add deadline for the Fall 2020 semester may apply for the “Second Wave” CARES Act relief funds in accordance with supplemental directions to be provided no later than August 1, 2020. Eligible students may receive relief funding of up to \$750. The College recognizes that even if support is allocated up to \$750, additional expenses may remain. ABC will continue to pursue additional opportunities for support when possible.

“Second Wave” Fall 2020 CARES Act relief applications and corresponding deadlines will be posted as those funds become available.

Student Eligibility

To be a Title IV-eligible student under Section 484 of the HEA, the student must:

- Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment in a degree, certificate or other recognized educational credential (including a program of study abroad approved for credit by the eligible institution at which such student is enrolled) - that is, a regular student under 34 CFR 600.2);
- Not be enrolled in elementary or secondary school and have a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent;

- Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) if the student is a currently enrolled student;
- Not owe an overpayment (refund) on Title IV grants and not be in default on a Title IV loan;
- File with ED “as part of the original financial aid application process” a certification (Statement of Educational Purpose) that includes:
 - A statement of educational purpose, and
 - The student’s Social Security Number (SSN);
- Be a U.S citizen or national, a permanent resident, or an eligible non-citizen; (applications from international students will be reviewed to confirm eligibility under the listed criteria and may require additional documentation.)
- Have returned any fraudulently obtained Title IV funds, if the student is convicted of or pled guilty or no contest to charges;
- Not have fraudulently received Title IV loans in excess of annual or aggregate limits;
- Have repaid any Title IV loan overpayment amounts in excess of annual or aggregate limits, if obtained inadvertently;
- Have his Selective Service registration verified (the Title IV aid ineligibility for failure to register is actually in the Selective Service Act §3811(f));
- Have a valid SSN, except for residents of the Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands, or the Republic of Palau; and
- Not have a federal or state conviction for drug possession or sale, with certain time limitations.

Application Process

Eligible students enrolled in Fall 2020 can complete the online application form to request “Second Wave” support of up to \$750. Reviews will begin September 5, 2020, and will continue as funds are available. Funding will be distributed to students approved for “Second Wave” relief funding, as soon as possible, after review.