

June 11, 2020

Dear ASCC Student,

As part of the federal government's Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, the American Samoa Community College has been allocated funds to assist students in need as a result of the COVID – 19 pandemic and its disruption of campus operations.

This emergency funding is intended "to cover expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus (including eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care)."

The CARES Act is a federal program in which the U.S. government guidelines have instructed colleges/universities that, "only students who are or could be eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), may receive emergency financial aid grants. The criteria to participate in programs under Section 484 of the HEA include but are not limited to the following: U.S. citizenship or eligible noncitizen; a valid Social Security number; registration with Selective Service (if the student is male); and a high school diploma, GED, or completion of high school in an approved homeschool setting."

A schedule for the disbursing of student stimulus checks beginning on the 15th – 19th of June 2020 is listed below:

CARES Act - Student Stipends Distribution Schedule: Venue: MPC Building			
Distribution Dates:	Last Name:	Number of Students	
Monday: June 15th, 2020 - 8:00am to 12:00pm	Letters: A, B, & C	88	
Monday: June 15th, 2020 - 1:00pm to 3:00pm	Letters: D, E, & F	95	

¹ 2020-04-09 – US Secretary of Education, Memo: CARES Act Funding Letter for Colleges and Universities accessible via: https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/caresactgrantfundingcoverletterfinal.pdf.



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Tuesday: June 16th, 2020 - 8:00am to 2:00pm	Letters: G, H, I, J, K, & L	144
Wednesday: June 17th, 2020 - 8:00am to 2:00pm	Letters: M, N, O, & P	148
Thursday: June 18th, 2020 - 8:00am to 12:00pm	Letters: Q, R, & S	95
Thursday: June 18th, 2020 - 1:00pm to 3:00pm	Letters: U, V, W, X, Y, & Z	68
Friday: June 19th, 2020 - 8:00am to 2:00pm	Letter: T	128

We continue to wish you well, and we hope that the financial assistance of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund will provide the needed support during these challenging times.

If you should have any questions, please contact our office at 699-9155, extension 308.

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Dr. Rosevonne Pato *ASCC President*