

Midland College (MC) signed and returned the funding certification and agreement form for the student portion (at least 50%) of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) allocation on April 25, 2020. MC has used, or intends to use the Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds to provide emergency financial aid grants to students affected by the disruption of campus closures due to the COVID-19 response.

An estimated 1054 MC students were eligible for the \$836,501 based on the following requirements:

- met eligibility requirements for Title IV funds based on a completed a 2019-2020 FAFSA
- was taking at least one face-to-face class prior to March 13, 2020
- was not fully withdrawn prior to March 13, 2020

Students meeting the requirements are qualified if they:

- complete the Midland College CARES online application https://midland.formstack.com/forms/cares_application
- acknowledge need in one or more of the following areas:
 1. Food
 2. Housing
 3. Course materials
 4. Technology
 5. Health care
 6. Child care

Funds are disbursed based on the number of hours enrolled (not dropped) as of March 13, 2020, as indicated in the chart.

Student Hours	Initial Award Amounts	2 nd Disbursement Amounts*
9+ hours	\$500.00	\$1000
6-8 hours	\$250.00	\$500
3-5 hours	\$125.00	\$250

In addition to the above amounts, students enrolled in a face-to-face lab course that was did not transition to an online course, forcing the student to receive a grade of “incomplete” receives an additional \$200.

*In June 2020, Administrative Council approved the release of extra funds to qualified students. Students that had received initial awards, were granted a second disbursement as stated above. Students eligible for funds after the increase where given the total amount for both awards.

Students receiving funds as of 9/1/2020:

Total Amounts	Number of Students Awarded	Amount of Funds Awarded 1 st Disbursement	Amount of Funds Awarded after increase in disbursement approved	New Disbursements after 7/13/2020	TOTAL
\$375 (3-5 hours)	22	\$2125	\$4250	\$750	\$7125
\$750 (6-8 hours)	48	\$12,000	\$24,000	0	\$36,000
\$1500 (9+ hours)	231	\$112,000	\$224,000	\$10,500	\$346,500
Additional \$400	100	\$14,800	\$29,600	\$1800	\$46,200
TOTAL					\$435,825

The following instructions, guidance, and directions were provided to students via email:

Midland College students are all part of our MC family, and we care deeply about you, your friends and family.

The U. S. Congress has allocated **CARES Act Higher Education** Emergency Relief funding to eligible Midland College students impacted by disruptions during the spring 2020 semester due COVID-19. We have determined that you may be eligible for some of these funds; however, we need you to complete this questionnaire: https://midland.formstack.com/forms/cares_application

The uncertainty of the spread of COVID-19 as well as the dramatic decline in the West Texas oil & gas economy has made many of our students uneasy and caused some hardships. Besides the CARES Emergency Relief funding, Midland College also has other resources and services available to our students. While COVID-19 may have closed our buildings, the offices and services are still available to you remotely. We are only an email, message and video call away.

Support Our Students (SOS) – This program helps MC students who are enrolled in credit courses by assisting them with emergency needs. Assistance varies by the situation, but some examples include:

- Emergency food
- Housing
- Daycare
- Legal (referrals and recommendations)

- Transportation assistance
- Medical (referrals and assistance)
- Utility bills

More information is available at www.midland.edu/sos

Scholarships - Midland College has more than 200 scholarship opportunities available to all registered students every year. Thanks to our generous donors, Midland College is able to award over \$1,000,000 in scholarships each year. Scholarships are awarded based on various factors, such as academic talent, participation in various activities, special interests, or financial need. For information is available at www.midland.edu/scholarships

Counseling Services – These services are available to all Midland College students. Students can communicate with the Counselor, by video, by phone and by email. Contact Shep Grinnan, LPC, sgrinnan@midland.edu

While there will be challenges along the way, at Midland College we view every challenge as an opportunity to grow and innovate. Your Midland College family is here for you! Reach out when you need help or support. In moments like these, we rise above because we work together.