

**Gogebic Community College** – Official Communications to students regarding COVID-19 Relief Aid and CARES Act Funding, April 2020 through February 2021

- On **Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> 2020**, Gogebic Community College sent out a postcard to all enrolled students with the following message:

*"Have you been affected by COVID-19?  
We're here to help.  
Even if you've already filed your FAFSA and applied for scholarships, please call or email the Financial Aid Office. If you have lost income, faced unforeseen expenses, or experienced financial hardship due to the COVID-19 crisis, you may be eligible for additional financial aid.  
FAO@gogebic.edu or 906-307-1208"*

This communication was sent out to students to let them know that additional aid, such as Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, additional loan amounts, and institutional resources, as well as the forthcoming CARES Act funds, would be available. This communication was not specific to CARES Act funds. An email with the same message was sent to all enrolled students on Friday, April 17th.

- On **Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> 2020**, an email was sent to all GCC students with the following message:

*"Gogebic Community College has recently received funding through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. You may find more information about GCC's CARES Act grant here: (<https://www.gogebic.edu/news/CaresAct.html>).*

*All students who are eligible for federal financial aid and applied for emergency relief aid in the spring semester and who submitted an application before the end of the semester on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020, will be considered for aid.*

*All students who are eligible for federal financial aid and are enrolled in Summer 2020 and/or Fall 2020 classes will receive an award based on enrolled credits when other federal financial aid is disbursed for that semester.*

*Students who need additional aid are also able to apply by completing an application, available [here](#). Awards for the Summer 2020 or Fall 2020 semester will not be available until other federal financial aid is disbursed for that semester.*

*You must have a 2019-20 FAFSA for the summer, or a 2020-21 FAFSA for the fall, on file with the Financial Aid Office in order to be considered for CARES Act funding. Please contact the Financial Aid Office at FAO@gogebic.edu with any questions about your FAFSA or CARES Act funds."*

- On **Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> 2020**, the following email was sent to all enrolled students, faculty, and staff to let them know that CARES Act funds are available for the Summer and Fall 2020 semesters:

*"Hello everyone,*

*I am emailing to remind you that COVID-19 relief funding may be available to you in the form of CARES Act grant awards.*

**All students must be eligible to receive federal student aid to receive CARES funds.** This means that you must have a completed FAFSA and not be missing any financial aid documents necessary to receive federal grants or loans. You must be making Satisfactory Academic Progress, be enrolled in a financial-aid eligible program, and be taking financial-aid eligible courses.

**All eligible students enrolled in the fall or summer semesters will receive an award automatically based on the number of credits that you are enrolled in.** No application is necessary to receive these awards.

**If you have additional need for emergency relief aid, you may also fill out an application ([attached here](#)) for additional relief aid.** When completing this application, remember that if you are eligible that you will already be receiving some funds. For application-based awards, we review each application case-by-case in order to distribute the funds as equitably as possible. Please understand that for this reason, if you are awarded an additional amount, it may not be the amount that you requested. You may submit CARES Act applications via email to [FAO@gogebic.edu](mailto:FAO@gogebic.edu), via fax at 906-932-2339, or via mail or in person to the GCC Financial Aid Office.

Summer CARES Act awards will be available when other summer financial aid is disbursed, and should be available in your student accounts by June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Additional applications for summer will be accepted after June 19<sup>th</sup>, but only those received before the end of the summer term (7/24/2020) will be considered for aid.

You may read more about GCC's CARES Act here: <https://gogebic.edu/news/CaresAct.html>. Please contact me directly at [MarcM@gogebic.edu](mailto:MarcM@gogebic.edu) for any questions about GCC's CARES Act."

- On **Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> 2020**, the following email was sent to all enrolled students, faculty, and staff to let them know that CARES Act funds are available for the Fall 2020 semester:

"Hello everyone,

I am emailing to remind you that **COVID-19 relief funding may be available to you** in the form of CARES Act grant awards.

**All students must be eligible to receive federal student aid to receive CARES funds.** This means that you must have a completed FAFSA and not be missing any financial aid documents necessary to receive federal grants or loans. You must be making Satisfactory Academic Progress, be enrolled in a financial-aid eligible program, and be taking financial-aid eligible courses.

**All eligible students enrolled for the fall semester will receive an award automatically based on the number of credits that you are enrolled in.** No application is necessary to receive these awards.

**If you have additional need for emergency relief aid, you may also fill out an application ([attached here](#)) for additional funds.** When completing this application, remember that if you are eligible that you will already be receiving some funds. For application-based awards, we review each application case-by-case in order to distribute the funds as equitably as possible. Please understand that for this reason, if you are awarded an additional amount, it may not be the amount that you requested. You may submit completed CARES Act applications via email to [FAO@gogebic.edu](mailto:FAO@gogebic.edu), via fax at 906-932-2339, or via mail or in person to the GCC Financial Aid Office.

**Fall CARES Act awards will be available when other fall financial aid is disbursed**, and should be available in your student accounts by October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. Additional applications for fall will be accepted after October 3<sup>rd</sup>, but only those received before the end of the fall term (12/13/2020) will be considered for aid.

You may read more about GCC's CARES Act here: <https://gogebic.edu/news/CaresAct.html>. Please contact me directly at [MarcM@gogebic.edu](mailto:MarcM@gogebic.edu) for any questions about GCC's CARES Act."

- On **Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020**, the following email was sent to all enrolled students, faculty, and staff to let them know that CARES Act funds are available for the Spring 2021 semester:

"Hello everyone,

I am emailing to remind you that **COVID-19 relief funding may be available to you** in the form of CARES Act grant awards.

**All students must be eligible to receive federal student aid to receive CARES funds.** This means that you must have a completed FAFSA and not be missing any financial aid documents necessary to receive federal grants or loans. You must be making Satisfactory Academic Progress, be enrolled in a financial-aid eligible program, and be taking financial-aid eligible courses.

**All eligible students enrolled for the spring semester will receive an award automatically based on the number of credits that you are enrolled in.** No application is necessary to receive these awards.

**If you have additional need for emergency relief aid, you may also fill out an application ([attached here](#)) for additional funds.** When completing this application, remember that if you are eligible that you will already be receiving some funds. For application-based awards, we review each application case-by-case in order to distribute the funds as equitably as possible. Please understand that for this reason, if you are awarded an additional amount, it may not be the amount that you requested. You may submit completed CARES Act applications via email to [FAO@gogebic.edu](mailto:FAO@gogebic.edu), via fax at 906-932-2339, or via mail or in person to the GCC Financial Aid Office.

**Spring 2021 CARES Act awards will be available when other spring financial aid is disbursed**, and should be available in your student accounts by February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Additional applications for fall will be accepted after February 25<sup>th</sup>, but only those received before the end of the spring term (5/7/2021) will be considered for aid.

You may read more about GCC's CARES Act here: <https://gogebic.edu/news/CaresAct.html>. Please contact me directly at [MarcM@gogebic.edu](mailto:MarcM@gogebic.edu) for any questions about GCC's CARES Act."

- On **Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> 2021**, the following email was sent to all enrolled students, faculty, and staff:

"Hello everyone,

**COVID-19 relief funding from GCC's CARES Act grant has been disbursed for the Spring 2021 semester.** All eligible students should receive a direct deposit or check dated 2/12/2021. If you have completed a FAFSA and all other requirements to receive financial aid, you are eligible to receive a CARES Act grant. Award amounts are based on enrollment level, eligibility for federal Pell grants, and optional supplemental applications for additional emergency aid.

**If you have not received a CARES Act check or deposit by 2/19/2021, and believe that you should have**, please contact the financial aid office at [FAO@gogebic.edu](mailto:FAO@gogebic.edu).

**If you have additional COVID-19 expenses that are not covered by your award, and you have not already completed an application for additional emergency aid**, you can find the

application at the bottom of the page under "COVID-19 Relief Aid Application" at [https://gogebic.edu/financial\\_aid/financialaid.html](https://gogebic.edu/financial_aid/financialaid.html). You may return your completed form to the financial aid office in person, by mail, via fax at 906-932-2339, or to [FAO@gogebic.edu](mailto:FAO@gogebic.edu) (please use your GCC email only for sending financial aid documents). Applications for additional aid received after 2/5/2021 will be considered in later rounds of funding.

For more information about GCC's CARES Act grant and COVID-19 relief aid, please visit <https://gogebic.edu/news/CaresAct.html>."