CARES Act

Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act
Student Assistance

On April 9, 2020 the Secretary of Education announced the creation of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Under the CARES Act all Colleges were awarded funds to be used to help students whose lives have been disrupted and are facing financial challenges and are struggling to make ends meet.

Southwest Acupuncture College signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used, or intends to use, no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

The total amount awarded to the College is $26,770. The College has received $13,385, one half the total amount and has distributed these funds to students most in need.

The total number of students at the institution eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is 67.

The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is 3.

The College formed a committee, comprised of the Leadership Committee and Financial staff, to determine how these funds were to be used. The committee determined that the funds should be used to help those students that were most in need. They agreed that students who were not able to get financial aid for the summer session would be the students with the greatest financial challenge. There were four students from the Summer and Fall graduating classes who were not able to receive financial aid due to the College not being able to offer the number of clinics these students needed which put them at less than half time, which made them ineligible to receive financial aid for the Summer session. One of the four students declined taking the money and asked us to award it to someone else. The College awarded each of the other three students $4,461.60.

The College told the students that we hoped this money would support them some way with the expenses of daily life. The students expressed extreme gratitude for this support.

The College also offered to all students in our program the ability to make a payment plan for the semester’s tuition rather than needing to pay the entire semester up front as required by current policies.
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Institutional Assistance

On April 9, 2020 the Secretary of Education announced the creation of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Under the CARES Act all Colleges were awarded funds to be used to help Institutions facing financial challenges and are struggling to make ends meet.

Southwest Acupuncture College signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used, or intends to use, no more than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide relief to the College for additional expenses caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The total amount awarded to the College for this purpose was $13,385, one half the total amount.

The College formed a committee, comprised of the Leadership Committee and Financial staff, to determine how these funds were to be used. The committee determined that the funds should be used to help pay those additional expenses incurred by the College due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

These expenses included the following:

- Additional Zoom video accounts to allow the entire program to be offered online
- Splashtop accounts so the staff could access their school computers from home
- Expenses of moving the College’s server from a physical location that was difficult to access via splashtop to the cloud
- PPE supplies: masks, exam gloves, plexiglass screens for reception areas, hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, and hand-held temperature meters.

The College expended the amount awarded by November 15, 2020.