

SSC Campus CARES Scholarship FAQ

Seminole State College received funding from the CARES Act to distribute to students to help you continue your education through this pandemic. The first round of funding was awarded to students who were enrolled in the Spring 2020 semester. Now, this application is for students with additional needs. Even if you have already received CARES Act funds, you **are still able** to apply for these needs-based funds.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Any SSC degree-seeking student who meets the federal requirements is eligible. Federal regulations require the following criteria to be met in order to be eligible to receive CARES Act funds:

- The student must meet Title IV criteria (for a list of the criteria, click [here](#)). (There is **no** eligibility connected to a student and/or parent's income. You do **NOT** have to be Pell grant eligible to receive these funds.)
- SSC must document that the student has incurred expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- SSC must document that students understand the funds have to be used for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

HOW DO I DOCUMENT THAT I AM ELIGIBLE?

There are two parts:

First, you must document that you have need, have incurred expenses and that you understand to use the funds for those expenses, **ALL** eligible students will need to complete the SSC Campus CARES scholarship Application which is posted on the [COVID page](#) of the SSC website.

Second, you have to document that you are Title IV eligible. Please keep in mind that your eligibility for these funds is **NOT** tied to your income. So long as you complete all of the fields and it processes with no flags, you have met the Title IV eligibility.

- If you have completed a 19-20 or a 20-21 FAFSA and there are no further documents needed on your financial aid file, you have already demonstrated that you are Title IV eligible.
- If you have NOT completed a FAFSA, there are two options:
 - a. You can still complete a FAFSA
 - b. If you are not going to complete a FAFSA, you can choose to complete the CARES Act Fund Eligibility Self Certification application on the student portal. We will have to manually verify your information. We will do so as expeditiously as possible, but this process may delay the funds.

HOW DO I SUBMIT EITHER APPLICATION?

You can find the pdf of the SSC Campus CARES scholarship application on the [COVID page](#) of the SSC website or you can contact SSC's Financial Aid office for a paper copy of the application. Once complete, it can be submitted to the Financial Aid office via email, fax or post mail.

If you need to complete the CARES Self-Certification application (because you have not done a 19-20 or 20-21 FAFSA) to document your Title IV eligibility, please go to [MYSSCOK](#), log in, go to My Financial Aid Information, click on "To access NetPartner click here." If you have never logged onto this site before, please click "First Time User" and follow the instructions.

Once you log on, make sure the drop down on the upper right corner says "2019-2020", go to Applications, select CARES Self-Cert Application, answer the questions and click submit.

WHEN DO I SUBMIT THE APPLICATION?

NOW! The applications are available now and the sooner you get your application submitted, the sooner we can work on getting your funds to you.

HOW MUCH WILL I RECEIVE?

The amount of funds you receive will be determined by the SSC Campus CARES committee based on your application. Completing the “CARES Funding Request” sheet in your application will help the committee know how much funding you are needing. Also, although not required, submitting any documentation showing your extra expenses due to the COVID pandemic will help the committee in their decision making.

WHEN WILL I RECEIVE THESE FUNDS?

After submitting your application, the SSC Campus CARES Committee will review the application. If you are approved, you will be awarded and will receive your full disbursement at the next scheduled CARES fund disbursement date. SSC will be doing disbursements of these funds approximately once a month.

HOW WILL I RECEIVE MY FUNDS?

Once your funds are ready to be disbursed, your funds will be issued to you via your selected direct deposit designation (your student ID/Herring bank debit card or direct deposit into your personal **checking** account). To set up, review or change your direct deposit designation, you can do so on MYSSCOK. Please log onto MYSSCOK, go to Refund Options and click on “Click to submit Direct Deposit Designation.” If you cannot set up either of these methods, please contact the SSC Business Office at 405-382-9238 for more information.

HOW WILL I KNOW WHEN MY FUNDS DISBURSE?

You will receive an email to your SSC student email from Premier Pay notifying that your funds have disbursed.

WHO CAN HELP ME?

If you have any questions or need one-on-one help submitting your documents, you can contact us in any of the following ways:

- Visit our virtual office at www.gotomeet.me/SSCService/FinAid (available M-F, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.)
- Email us at finaid@sscok.edu
- Call us at 405-382-9247

All of us at SSC are committed to getting these funds to our students as quickly and efficiently as possible. Apply today!

WILL THESE FUNDS PAY MY SSC BILL?

If you currently owe money to SSC, these funds will NOT be applied to your bill. SSC is required by federal regulations to pay these funds directly to you, the student, without applying it to any charges owed. However, once you receive these funds, you can use these funds to pay your SSC balance. There are three ways to make a payment on your SSC account:

- 1) Contact the SSC Business Office and make a payment over the phone. Call 405-382-9238.
- 2) Make a one-time payment on MYSSCOK. You can do so by logging on, going to Students, then to Online Payment Options, select the year and term in the drop down box and following the remaining instructions. (Please allow 2 business days for your payment to be applied to your account.)
- 3) Mail in a check to: Seminole State College, Attn: Business Office, PO Box 351, Seminole, OK 74818.

Remember, you cannot enroll or get an official transcript if you have a balance on your SSC account.

HOW DO I ENROLL FOR NEXT SEMESTER?

There are multiple ways you can get enrolled for summer or fall. You can also find the class schedules by clicking [here](#). Be sure your balance is paid and then do one of the following:

- 1) Email or call your returning student advisor
- 2) Email our Enrollment group at advising@sscok.edu
- 3) Call our Enrollment group at 405-382-9797
- 4) Come to campus for a face-to-face meeting with an advisor. Please note that only 10 people are allowed in the building at a time and you are required to wear a mask.

A virtual meeting can also be set up for you! Just let the Enrollment group know when you contact them. Please know we are here to help!