

## Message from Office of the President to DCTC Students – CARES Act Funding for Eligible DCTC Students | April 30, 2020

Dear Student,

Dakota County Technical College, as part of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system, will receive federal recovery aid for students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

### Background

CARES Act student emergency aid grants are intended to help students cover expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus. This includes expenses like food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and childcare.

### Distribution Plan

To distribute the CARES Act Emergency Financial Aid grants, DCTC is following guidance from the Department of Education (DOE) and Minnesota State Colleges and Universities.

- All DCTC students enrolled when Chancellor Malhotra declared an extension of spring break will receive \$150 grants.
- Students who have filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and demonstrated Pell eligibility will receive an additional \$500 grant.
- The remaining amounts for DCTC will be dispersed as emergency grants through the existing emergency application process. Students can contact their [designated Academic Advisor](#) or the general Academic Advising office at [advising@dctc.edu](mailto:advising@dctc.edu) for emergency grant application information. This approach allows us to also provide support for students in need who were excluded by DOE requirements.

### Distribution Process

- CARE Act funds will be directly deposited into student accounts for those eligible students with a BankMobile account.
- Eligible students without a BankMobile account will need to set up an electronic money transfer which will allow BankMobile to transfer funds to their designated bank automatically.
  - Please visit [CARES ACT Funding site](#) on the DCTC COVID-19 Resource website for more information on [how to set up a BankMobile account](#) and for related FAQs.

### Pay it Forward—Students Helping Students

Some students have indicated a desire to “pay it forward” and donate their CARES funds to other students who may be in greater financial need. Students can donate some or all of their aid grants to the DCTC Foundation at [DCTC Foundation Online Giving](#) under the “Acts of Kindness” dropdown.

### Questions?

Students with questions related to the CARES Act funding can contact the DCTC Business Office at [Business\\_office@dctc.edu](mailto:Business_office@dctc.edu).