GC received funding from the CARES Act to assist students who were affected financially due to disruption of campus operations. Many of our students have received these emergency funds because they met a set of criteria based on guidance from the U.S. Department of Education and the University System of Georgia, see more information below. All funding disbursed to students should be used for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations. Other students can be considered for funding if they meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Complete a 2019-2020 FAFSA Application or 2020-2021 FAFSA Application (if you haven’t already)

- Meet Title IV eligibility requirements, to include but not limited to:
  - U.S. Citizenship or Eligible Noncitizen
  - Valid Social Security Number
  - Registration with Selective Service if the student is male
  - Have a high school diploma, GED, or have completed a high school in an approved homeschool setting

- Student had to be enrolled for Spring Term 2020 at the time of course disruption due to the Coronavirus

- Student could not have been enrolled in all online courses for Spring Term 2020 prior to March 13, 2020

- Complete the online Emergency Grant Funding Application using the “CARES Act Application” link below. Students who are approved for funding will receive $300 from these funds. A CARES review committee will review each application and render approval or denials. Processing time should be 2 to 3 weeks.

Students who had a FAFSA on file for the 2019-2020 aid year and had an Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) of $0 - $25,000 were automatically awarded based on the tiers below. A total of $1,395,200 was disbursed to these students. Students with an EFC of greater than $25,000 can apply using the application above and will be awarded $300 if approved. A total of $604,800 has been reserved for students who submit applications.

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To find your EFC, visit your PAWS account, Financial Aid Tab, select 2019-2020 Aid Year, select College Financing Plan. EFC is located toward the bottom under Other Options.

Students who have not completed a FAFSA for 2019-2020 but have completed a 2020-2021 FAFSA and have not completed the verification process will only be awarded $300.00. Once the verification process has been completed and if the student is eligible for additional funding up to $800, may be awarded
upon the students request if funding is still available. Students cannot receive more than $800 in emergency funding which include the CARES Act grant and emergency SEOG funds.

**CARES Act Application**