

CARES Act Reporting

May 26, 2020

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Initial 30-Day Fund Report In accordance with the reporting requirements of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund – Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students, Westminster College (MO) is reporting the information below in satisfaction of the initial 30-day Fund Report. Westminster College (MO) received the CARES Act grant award on May 6, 2020. As required, the information is provided to the Department of Education through our public website within 30 days of receipt of Westminster College’s allocation of the grant funds under 18004(a)(1) and will be updated every 45 days thereafter.

1. On April 25, 2020, Westminster College (MO) signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement and provided assurance that Westminster College (MO) 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.
2. The total amount of the funds received from the Department of Education pursuant to Westminster College’s Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students was \$384,322.
3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants mailed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of May 22, 2020 is \$384,800.
4. The total number of students at the institution eligible to participate programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and enrolled as of March 13, 2020 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is 520 students.
5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to Students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of May 22, 2020 is 520.
6. The method used to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and the amount received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act are as follows. Westminster College identified our undergraduate population to receive the first distribution of grants based on their expenses incurred related to the disruption of operations on campus due to COVID-19. The funds have been equally divided, and each eligible student received \$740.
7. Information provided to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants were communicated in a mass email to current students and on Westminster College’s website. The communication is provided below.

Email sent to Faculty, Staff and Students 5/8/2020:



As this unusual semester of virtual learning winds down, I want to make sure the Westminster community knows that funds from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act have arrived at the College for distribution. Our eligible students will soon receive a check that is meant to cover emergency financial needs caused by the COVID-19 pandemic as a result of a disruption in on-campus operations.

Please know that Westminster is carefully following guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Education in distributing funds to qualified students through this emergency grant. The total amount the College received is \$768,643 — half of which is to be distributed equally to our qualifying students beginning May 22. Details regarding who is eligible are available by contacting our Financial Aid Office, which estimates that approximately 90 percent of our enrolled students qualify for relief funds.

For your convenience, you can learn more about the CARES Act by referring to the COVID-19 page on our [website](#) or by visiting the U.S. Department of Education website [here](#). You also may contact our Financial Aid Office at financialaid@wcmo.edu or (573) 592-5364.

I want to commend our students for successfully weathering the extreme stresses they have experienced this semester as a result of the global COVID-19 pandemic. You have just experienced a historic event that you will remember for the rest of your lives. We at Westminster College have been most concerned for your well-being and have conscientiously dedicated the last two months to meeting your needs during this frightening time. We truly hope that you are doing well.

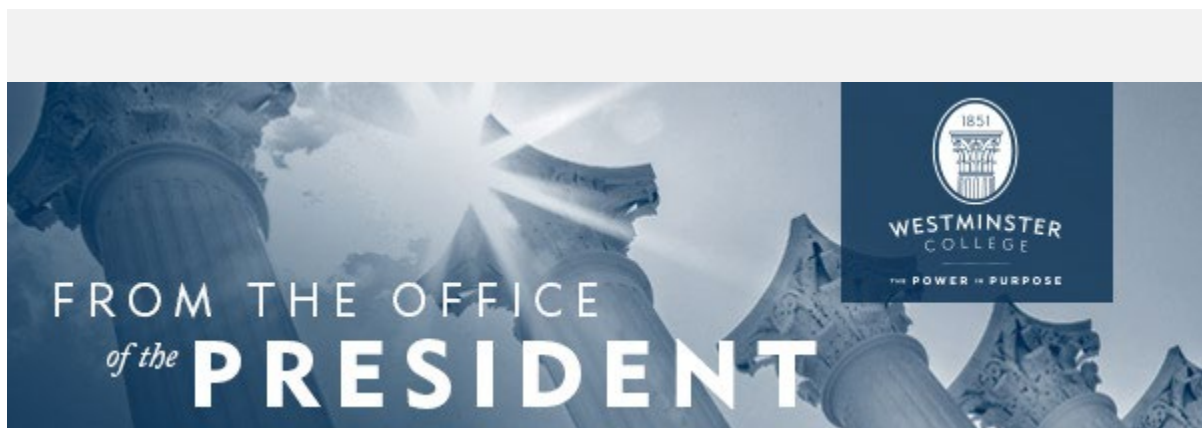
I look forward to seeing our seniors for their much-anticipated Commencement

2020 on August 8 and the rest of the campus community on August 20 for the first day of the fall semester. Have a wonderful summer!



Fletcher M. Lamkin, Ph.D.
President of the College

Email sent to CARES Act recipients 5/22/2020:



Dear Westminster Student,

I am writing you today from the Hill overlooking our charming campus, where the sun is shining and our many flowers and trees are in full bloom. This message should give you a bit of hope during a difficult time for many. Today Westminster is mailing you a check made available from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act through the U.S. Department of Education.

The check in today's mail is meant to cover emergency financial needs caused by the COVID-19 pandemic as a result of a disruption of on-campus operations earlier this spring. Westminster received \$384,322 from the CARES Act for Title IV-eligible students. The College identified exactly 520 students who are eligible to receive the emergency grant, and each student is receiving \$740 help cover personal technology needs, health care costs, course materials, rent, food, child care, and other expenses. For your convenience, you can learn more about the CARES Act by referring to visiting the U.S. Department of Education

website [here](#) or under the CARES Act section of the COVID-19 page of our website, found [here](#).

With Spring Semester 2020 behind us and a long Memorial Day weekend before us, I hope this message finds you well. As I have said previously, you are part of a long, solid tradition at Westminster College. We are resilient, and we will all be back better than ever at the end of the summer, beginning on August 8 for Commencement 2020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Fletcher M. Lamkin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Fletcher M. Lamkin, Ph.D.
President of the College