

## **CARES Act Emergency Relief Funds for Eligible Students**

### **FAQs**

Oconee Fall Line Technical College (OFTC) has been allocated \$1,152,438 in funding through the federal (CARES) Act. The Act requires that half of these dollars (\$576,219) go directly to students to cover emergency expenses arising from the disruption in campus operations. In accordance with the state of emergency order issued by Governor Kemp, OFTC identified March 13, 2020 as the time of course disruption due to the Coronavirus.

OFTC designee has signed and returned the certification and agreement form. The college will utilize significant discretion on awarding these emergency assistance grants to eligible students. The only statutory requirements are that students use the funds for expense related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19 and students are eligible to receive Title IV funding based on the criteria outlined under Section 484 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA).

### **CARES Act for Oconee Fall Line Technical College**

#### **First Distribution Plan – Released May 14, 2020**

Under the guidance provided by the Department of Education, Oconee Fall Line Technical College has awarded \$475.00 in CARES Act Emergency funds for Spring Semester 202014 enrolled students who met the eligibility criteria on or before May 6, 2020.

#### **Second Distribution Plan - Released date June 11, 2020**

Oconee Fall Line Technical College disbursed a second awarding of funds for the CARES Act Emergency Relief. The amount awarded per student was \$475.00. This disbursement provided funds for students who met some of the eligibility requirements after the first distribution and those who were eligible at the time of the disbursement based on revised or updated guidance from the U.S. Department of Education.

#### **Third Disbursement Plan**

Any remaining funds after the first and second distributions will be available for disbursements at a later date which will be announced.

#### **Who is eligible?**

To be eligible for CARES Act Funding for the first distribution, students must meet the following requirements:

1. Completed 2019-2020 FAFSA Application
2. U.S. Citizenship or Eligible Noncitizen
3. Enrolled in an eligible Title IV program

4. Enrolled for Spring Term 202014 for at least one in person class for Spring Term 202014 prior to March 13, 2020
5. Maintained Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) for Spring Term 202014 or has an approved academic recovery plan
6. Has met the college's admission requirements

### **Who is not eligible?**

The following students are not eligible for CARES Act Funds under the first Distribution Plan:

1. Dual Enrolled (HS) Students
2. Transient Students
3. DACA Students
4. Foreign Students
5. Non-credit recipients
6. Students who are defaulted on student loans, overpayments, or other loan Restrictions
7. Students that were enrolled only in a part-of-term that ended prior to March 13, 2020
8. Students enrolled exclusively in distance education for the spring semester

### **How will the money be disbursed?**

Funds will be disbursed using our refund partner, Bank Mobile. Some students who qualify for this funding may not have received refunds from the college in the past and as a result have not established a refund preference with Bank Mobile. In order to receive the funds timely, students must specify their refund preference online with Bank Mobile.

### **What are the options for receiving my refund?**

There are 3 options available:

1. Electronic deposit to an established account at a financial institution of your choice.
2. Electronic deposit to a BankMobile Vibe account which includes a debit card for ATM withdrawals or for purchases from any retailer who accepts debit/credit cards.
3. Check by mail to address on student account. (Please note: These checks can be difficult to cash locally for those who do not already have an established account with a local financial institution. Options 1 and 2 are highly encouraged).
  - a. When selected as preference-check will be mailed at disbursement date.
  - b. No selection – will be mailed after 30 days of inactivity. A refund preference can still be set up until that time.

### **How do I set up my refund preference with Bank Mobile?**

On the web, visit [www.RefundSelection.com](http://www.RefundSelection.com). Go to "Enter Your Personal Code" if you already have one. If not, click on the link for "Need a Code?" and follow the instructions to have a new code generated and emailed to you.

**If I already have a refund preference established with Bank Mobile for previous refunds issued, will I receive this refund the same way?**

Yes, unless you make a change prior to the disbursement date.

**I have a preference set up with Bank Mobile but forgot my login information. How do I access my account?**

Go to [www.BankMobileVibe.com](http://www.BankMobileVibe.com) and click “Login” or “Forgot Login Information?”

**How do I change a refund preference that was previously set up?**

Go to [www.RefundSelection.com](http://www.RefundSelection.com) or [www.BankMobileVibe.com](http://www.BankMobileVibe.com) and click “Login” or “Forgot Login Information”.

**Can I change the PIN on my card to access ATMs or do PIN-based transactions?**

Yes. Log in to your account at [www.BankMobileVibe.com](http://www.BankMobileVibe.com).

**How will I know when my refund has been issued?**

You can register for mobile alerts on your Bank Mobile account and you will be notified by email or text message that your refund has been disbursed.

**How quickly will the funds be deposited into my account?**

This depends on your financial institution processes and policies. Some funds may be available immediately and others may be the following business day.

**How can I get additional assistance from Bank Mobile?**

- For a very extensive resource for additional information, see link for FAQs and an interactive search feature at [www.bankmobilevibe.com](http://www.bankmobilevibe.com)
- Contact Customer Care at 1-877-327-9515
- Tweet @AskBMD!

**Email the support team under the FAQ tab once logged in to your account.**