

Eligibility Requirements

Spring, 2020 Semester

The U.S. Department of Education provides guidance and recommendations regarding funding eligibility and requirements.

To be eligible, students must meet the following criteria:

- Enrolled in a financial-aid eligible degree or certificate program during the spring 2020 semester.
- Met satisfactory academic progress (SAP) requirements during the spring 2020 semester.
- Must have been enrolled in at least one face-to-face or hybrid class in spring 2020 semester. Students enrolled in online-only programs cannot be considered.
- Completed a 2019-2020 *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) and was eligible for federal financial aid during the spring 2020 semester (**see note**).
- Obtained a high school diploma, GED, or completion of high school in an approved homeschool setting, with transcripts on file with BMCC.
- Must have incurred expenses, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and childcare, due to COVID-19 related campus disruptions.
- Students who have completely withdrawn or stopped attending all of their classes as of March 13, 2020 are not eligible for a CARES Act emergency grant.

Note:

A student who has not yet completed a 2019-2020 *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* must do so (fafsa.ed.gov) by June 30 to be eligible for a CARES Act emergency grant. Even though a student may not qualify for the Pell grant, they may be eligible for this funding. BMCC also requires the high school diploma or GED on file.

Fall, 2020 Semester

The U.S. Department of Education provides guidance and recommendations regarding funding eligibility and requirements.

To be eligible, students must meet the following criteria:

- Enrolled in a financial-aid eligible degree or certificate program during the fall 2020 semester.
- Met satisfactory academic progress (SAP) requirements during the fall 2020 semester.
- Must have been enrolled in at least one face-to-face or hybrid class in fall 2020 semester. Students enrolled in online-only programs cannot be considered.
- Completed a 2020-2021 *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) and was eligible for federal financial aid during the fall 2020 semester (**see note**).
- Obtained a high school diploma, GED, or completion of high school in an approved homeschool setting, with transcripts on file with BMCC.
- Must have incurred expenses, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and childcare, due to COVID-19 related campus disruptions.
- Students who have completely withdrawn or stopped attending all of their classes as of October 30, 2020 are not eligible for a CARES Act emergency grant.

Note:

A student who has not yet completed a 2020-2021 *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* must do so (fafsa.ed.gov) by December 18 to be eligible for a CARES Act emergency grant. Even though a student may not qualify for the Pell grant, they may be eligible for this funding. BMCC also requires the high school diploma or GED on file.