Jefferson College to Award $1.3 Million to Students via Federal CARES Act – Qualifying Title IV Students Eligible for Emergency Aid

Jefferson College will distribute $1.3 million in federal emergency financial aid grants to qualifying currently enrolled Title IV-eligible students in connection with stimulus funds through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act signed by President Trump in late March.

The College has reached out to over 1,600 eligible students about the CARES Act through Jefferson College’s MyJeffco email system. Those with questions can also contact the College’s Office of Student Financial Services via email at finaid@jeffco.edu.

“We’re here for our students, as many of them and their families face severe economic struggles,” said College President Dr. Raymond Cummiskey. “The CARES Act will provide them with assistance and resources during this prolonged pandemic. With half of the funding allocation for higher education going directly toward student aid, our students will receive the relief they urgently need.”

The law appropriates about $14 billion for higher education, with about $12.5 billion to be split for emergency grants to students and money for institutional needs in light of the coronavirus pandemic. According to the law, colleges must award at least half of their total allocation to students for expenses to address educational costs pertaining to the students’ transition to online learning, including things like course materials and technology as well as food, housing, health care, and childcare.

All Jefferson College currently enrolled students who are eligible in connection with federal Title IV standards will be considered for the emergency financial aid. Awards are estimated to range from $900-$1,800 per student. As per the U.S. Department of Education, international students and dual credit students are excluded from the disbursement.

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Jefferson College President

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Institutional funding allocations were set by a formula prescribed in the CARES Act that is weighted significantly by the number of full-time students who are Pell-eligible but also takes into consideration the total population of the college and the number of students not enrolled full-time online before the coronavirus outbreak. The Department used the most recent data available from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) and Federal Student Aid (FSA) for the calculation.

In order to access the CARES Act funds, the U.S. Department of Education required a signed certification from each higher education institution affirming they would distribute the funds in accordance with applicable law. The college or university could then determine how the grant disbursement would be allocated within the guidelines set forth by the Department of Education.

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College Operations to Gradually Resume Within 4 Phases

In connection with the unknown long-term course of the COVID-19 pandemic, Jefferson College is taking precautions by following a series of phases to gradually resume on-campus operations. College officials underscore that the information listed can change at any time depending on circumstances or updated information from federal, state, or county regulatory agencies.

“Our students and employees are our greatest assets, and their health and safety is a top priority as we continue to respond to this pandemic,” said College President Dr. Raymond Cummiskey. “We greatly appreciate the patience and tremendous support that has been shown throughout the emergency. The College continues to be here for our students and community as we work together to provide the highest level of service possible.”

Phase 1 – Until May 17

- Students in designated critical care public safety and human health programs/lab assignments and a small number of employees performing essential tasks as identified by supervisors are permitted on campus. Students are required to undergo daily temperature and/or symptom checks while practicing physical distancing.

- Library exterior drop box drop off for borrowed materials begins May 11. Specialized, appointment only testing will be available at the Testing Center on May 12.

Phase 2 – May 18-June 7

- Only students who have been approved for completion of programs will be allowed on campus. Offices will remain closed to students and the public unless by appointment only. Other than the monthly Board of Trustees meeting scheduled for May 21, all events and activities are cancelled. Facilities are unavailable for use by external groups until further notice.

- Library laptop return will be May 18-19. Appointment only testing will be available at the Testing Center.

- To maintain a minimal number of people on campus, College services will continue to be provided as virtually as possible. Those who can continue to work remotely will be encouraged to do so. Employees who are more productive on campus by nature of their positions can return, based on supervisor approval. On-campus staff will work staggered schedules to ensure safety and physical distancing. For those working remotely, approval will be required in order to access a campus facility.
Students and employees will be encouraged to wear their own protective masks. Student temperature/symptom-checks will continue. Physical distancing will continue at all College locations.

**Phase 3 – June 8-August 9**

- Some offices will be available to the public by appointment only and others will continue to provide services remotely. Departments and offices will operate under a combination of remote staffing and/or on-campus staggered work schedules utilizing physical distancing guidelines/practices.

- Child Development Center, Follett Bookstore, Mercy Clinic, and Viking Cafeteria (carry out only) will reopen. Appointment only testing will be available at the Testing Center.

**Phase 4 – August 10**

The College fully reopens to the public while following safety guidelines and closely monitoring guidance from local, state, and federal authorities.

**Fall Class Formats Remain Unchanged for Now**

With the phased reopening, the College will continue to monitor developments regarding COVID-19. Students should register for fall courses as scheduled. The College will notify students immediately should the format of fall classes need to be changed due to a resurgence of coronavirus. To make a virtual appointment with an advisor to plan summer or fall classes, please email advisor@jeffco.edu.
College HVAC Equipment Used to Help Feed Those Impacted by COVID Crisis

As the coronavirus pandemic continues to impact people of all ages, Jefferson College is playing a supportive role in helping feed those who desperately need assistance. Coordinated by HVAC Associate Professor Bill Kaune, the College recently loaned three commercial freezers to Victory Church near Pevely to store food for used in connection with a community food bank, weekend groceries for area school children and their families, and a dinner drive-through.

The equipment loaned from the HVAC commercial refrigeration lab is not being used by students on campus due to the pandemic closure. Instead of letting the equipment remain idle during a time of tremendous need, the College stepped forward to support our community through this unique partnership.

Thousands of people in Jefferson County have been served through the crisis outreach program. Thanks to Bill Kaune for spearheading this vital outreach effort…the College is proud to care for our community!
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Commencement Celebration Video Announcement
Premiering May 16 @ 10 AM
On Facebook (Jefferson College Go Jeffco)

Under normal circumstances, we’d be celebrating 2020 Commencement with you on this day. Instead, we’re working on a big project to recognize and honor all graduates in a virtual celebration.

When? Watch the special announcement on May 16 to find out... then tell everyone you know!

YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE 2020 VIRTUAL COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY!

Please send a photo or video wearing your cap & gown, displaying your diploma cover, or celebrating with family or friends. We’ll include it in the virtual celebration!

Email to publications@jeffco.edu as either a photo (jpg) or video (mp4 or mov).

CELEBRATING YOUR ACHIEVEMENT IN PERSON...SPRING 2021

The spring 2021 graduating class invites you to join them and be specially honored during the May 15, 2021 live ceremony. Invitations will be sent in early spring 2021. Please keep your address updated!

Though These Are Unusual Times...Your Achievement Will Last a Lifetime
Hillsboro Campus Ribbons Celebrate Class of 2020

In connection with a statewide initiative to honor all 2020 community college graduates, the Hillsboro campus has been decorated with blue and red ribbons on trees along the entrance and up the Administration Building drive. Just like the virtual celebration event mentioned above, it’s one of many ways we’re recognizing our grads for their hard work and perseverance over the course of this unusual year.

Although this is not what anyone could have imagined for the end of the Spring 2020 semester and the completion of an important time in the lives of our graduating class, Jefferson College is committed to celebrating our graduates and their accomplishments and wishing them well. Keep learning, keep dreaming, keep accomplishing, and keep moving ahead on your chosen pathway. Go Vikings! #JeffcoGrad
All monthly agenda items and supporting materials are posted online via the Board Docs site accessible through the Jefferson College website homepage at jeffco.edu clicking on “About” > “Leadership” > “Board of Trustees” links.

**Agenda items approved and/or discussed for April:**

- Consent Agenda (Minutes, Financial Statement, Investments Report, Faculty Load - Spring 2020, Curriculum Matters, Student Credit Hours Generated Extra Pay - 2019-2020, and Continuing Education Course Offerings - Summer 2020)

- COVID-19 Emergency Plans

- Promotions in Accordance with Faculty Promotions in Academic Ranking System

**2020 Board Meeting Schedule**

- May 21 – noon
- June 11 – 5 p.m.
- July 23 – 5 p.m.
- September 10 – 5:30 p.m.
- October 8 – 6 p.m.
- December 3 – 5 p.m.

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Pre-Admissions Student Session – Summer/Fall PASS to Registration

To provide prospective students and their families an easy way to learn about programs, scholarships and admissions, Jefferson College is holding several virtual Pre-Admissions Student Session (PASS) events in May through the Google Meet online platform. There is no cost to attend.

Those who attend a Jefferson College PASS will be able to:
- Learn more about degree and certificate options available
- Find out how to get started this summer or fall
- Learn how to apply for financial aid (loans, grants, scholarships)

Upcoming PASS events:

Wednesday, May 13 – 3 p.m.
Tuesday, May 19 - 3 p.m.
Wednesday, May 27 - 3 p.m.

To register online, go to www.jeffco.edu/pass and select the preferred date.

Summer classes begin June 8 and are mostly online. Fall classes begin on August 17 and among the available class formats and options are online, day, evening, hybrid (on site/online), 8-week, and Honors. A complete list of available degree programs and academic program offerings is located on the Jefferson College website at www.jeffco.edu/classschedule.

For more information about PASS sessions or registration, prospective students should email admissions@jeffco.edu.
When it comes to your educational goals and dreams, there’s no need to risk your safety and peace of mind at a big, expensive university.

By taking online courses through Jefferson College this summer, you can get started or get ahead on your education while saving money, thanks to our incredibly low tuition and online fee waiver (limited time offer).

Always here for you... Jefferson College has been the #1 choice for higher education in Jefferson County for nearly 60 years. The quality of education you’ll discover at YOUR community college rivals that offered at any four-year university in the state... allowing you to stay close to home, then seamlessly transfer to the university of your choice or jump right into a great-paying technical field.

APPLY & ENROLL TODAY!

3-Week Intersession Courses
Begin May 18 – Online Format

Summer Courses
Begin June 8 – Online Format

Online fee is waived for intersession & summer courses

View the class schedule – Jeffco.edu/classschedule

EMAIL admissions@jeffco.edu
CLICK www.jeffco.edu
CALL (636) 481-3209 or 797-3000, ext. 3209
**ATTENTION**

**FALL 2020 PARAMEDIC & LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY**

**APPLICATION DEADLINES EXTENDED!**

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**LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY**

**DAY Class** deadline has been extended to **June 30, 2020.**
(anticipated start date: 8/2020)

**POST class** deadline has been extended to **August 29, 2020.**
(anticipated start date: 10/2020)

**APPLY**

**BY MAIL:**
Jefferson College - Law Enforcement Academy
1000 Viking Drive
Hillsboro, MO 63050

**IN-PERSON:**
Jefferson College - Imperial
4400 Jeffco Blvd
Arnold, MO 63010

Applications accepted in-person at Jefferson College Imperial Monday-Thursday, 8 am - 6 pm or deposited in drop box at the door.

**THANK YOU** for your interest in our Law Enforcement Academy and patience as we work through these unprecedented times - our focus is on your health and safety as we move forward and plan for Fall classes.

**QUESTIONS?**
Call (636) 481-3425 or (636) 481-3481
www.jeffco.edu/jclea

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**PARAMEDIC PROGRAM**

The application deadline has been extended to **July 15, 2020.**

Applicants will complete didactic testing and interviews the week of July 20.

**NOTE:** EMT206 Pre-Paramedic prerequisite is being waived for Fall 2020.

**APPLY**

**BY MAIL:**
Jefferson College - Paramedic Program
1000 Viking Drive
Hillsboro, MO 63050

**IN-PERSON:**
Jefferson College - Imperial
4400 Jeffco Blvd
Arnold, MO 63010

Applications accepted in-person at Jefferson College Imperial Monday-Thursday, 8 am - 6 pm or deposited in drop box at the door.

**THANK YOU** for your interest in our Paramedic Program and your patience as we work through these unprecedented times - our focus is on your health and safety as we move forward and plan for Fall classes.

**QUESTIONS?**
(636) 481-3549 or (636) 481-3481
www.jeffco.edu/emt-paramedic
JOIN THE JEFFERSON COLLEGE FOUNDATION
IN CELEBRATING THE ROARING TWENTIES IN 2020
SATURDAY, JUNE 13
AUCTION ENDS AT 9 PM

Jazz & Jeans is going virtual! Join us from the comfort of your own home for a virtual auction.

The auction will close at 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 13, 2020.

Proceeds from the event provide student scholarships, emergency grants, and bookstore assistance grants, and offer the College the flexibility it needs to provide state-of-the-art training facilities, quality programs, and an extensive list of other resources.

REGISTER ONLINE NOW: https://one.bidpal.net/2020jazzandjeans

Bidding will open on June 5. The auction will close at 9 PM on June 13.