



North Central Kansas was awarded \$490,546.00 in federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding directly related to students who have incurred expenses due to the disruption of campus operations caused by COVID-19. As of March 31, 2021, NCK Tech has distributed \$245,450 to students in 2020.

NCK Tech signed and returned the Department of Education, the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution 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.

The disbursement, from the U.S. Department of Education as part of the CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund, is designed to prioritize students with demonstrated need and ensure that funds are distributed as widely as possible. NCK Tech had an estimated 350 students eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

In alignment with Department of Education recommendations that institutions prioritize students with the greatest need, NCK Tech distributed funding in the following ways:

1. Recognizing that many students have financial challenges, funds were set aside for students to access through a short online application. Applications for assistance must be for housing, food, technology, or health care needs that resulted from the pandemic, as required by the federal act.
2. NCK Tech will distribute direct awards to eligible students who have incurred expenses due to the disruption of campus operations caused by COVID-19.

NCK Tech had a total of 353 students who received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.