

## CARES ACT

To address the pressing financial need of students due to the disruption of campus operations from COVID-19, Palo Verde College was awarded \$174,583 to provide emergency financial grants directly to students.

### “Signed Certification and Agreement for CARES ACT”

Palo Verde College has determined that approximately 64 students met the Title IV eligibility requirements and were not solely online students. To be a Title IV-eligible student under Section 484 of the HEA, the student must:

- Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment in a degree, certificate or other recognized educational credential (including a program of study abroad approved for credit by the eligible institution at which such student is enrolled)--that is, a regular student under [34 CFR 600.2](#);
- Not be enrolled in elementary or secondary school and have a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent;
- Be maintaining satisfactory academic progress (SAP) if the student is a currently enrolled student;
- Not owe an overpayment (refund) on Title IV grants;
- Not be in default on a Title IV loan;
- File with ED “as part of the original financial aid application process” a certification (Statement of Educational Purpose) that includes:
  - A statement of educational purpose, and
  - The student’s Social Security Number (SSN);
- Be a U.S citizen or national, a permanent resident, or an eligible noncitizen;
- Have returned any fraudulently obtained Title IV funds, if the student is convicted of or pled guilty or no contest to charges;
- Not have fraudulently received Title IV loans in excess of annual or aggregate limits;
- Have repaid any Title IV loan overpayment amounts in excess of annual or aggregate limits, if obtained inadvertently;
- Have his Selective Service registration verified (the Title IV aid ineligibility for failure to register is actually in the Selective Service Act §3811(f));
- Have a valid SSN, except for residents of the Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands, or the Republic of Palau
- Not have a federal or state conviction for drug possession or sale, with certain time limitations.

All students enrolled in spring 2020 classes at Palo Verde College were notified on May 6 to complete the CARES ACT student application for aid online; 70 students submitted a complete request for assistance of which 64 students were eligible for CARES funding.