CARES Act: Emergency Aid to Students Reporting

The U.S. Department of Education requires the following information be posted on our university website. The initial report is being made available by May 15, 2020, and this information will be updated every 45 days thereafter.

Acknowledgement:

The University of Massachusetts Boston will be providing emergency grant assistance to students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. UMass Boston signed and returned the Certification and Agreement document to the U.S. Department of Education on April 15, 2020. Within this agreement, UMass Boston has agreed to spend no less than 50 percent of the total funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act on direct emergency grant aid to students.

UMass Boston has also received CARES Act funds from a subsequent allocation due to our status as a Minority Serving Institution (MSI). Our population of students who identify as Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander was the qualifying factor for this funding.

Total available student emergency aid:	\$6,141,315
CARES Initial Allocation	\$6,092,326
MSI Allocation	\$48,989
Estimated Number of Eligible Students	13,300
Total students awarded as of 6/21/2020	3,660
Funds distributed as of 6/21/2020	\$2,527,200
Methods:	

Instructions/Directions/Guidance Provided to Students:

The University of Massachusetts Boston has opened an <u>online application</u> process for students to apply for CARES Act Emergency Student Aid.

All students were notified about the online application via a campus-wide email, social media posts, and a link on our website. The online application requires students to report the expenses they have incurred as a result of the university's move to remote instruction. Students are also required to have a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on file by May 15 for this application cycle to verify their Title IV eligibility.

Support for completing the FAFSA and/or application is available through <u>The One Stop</u>, our student Service center.

A Frequently Asked Questions page is also available.

Additional applications cycles will be announced as campus disruption continues.