Criswell College is participating in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, and with the U.S. Department of Education to provide assistance for students during the pandemic. In an effort to align the institution with the CARES Act requirements, Criswell has accomplished the following:

- Criswell College signed and returned the certification and agreement form to grants.gov. Criswell College has used at least 50% of the emergency funds to direct financial aid grants directly to students.
- Criswell College received $76,294 from the Department of Education pursuant to the college’s Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
- Criswell College has disbursed the entire $76,294 directly to students and internally funded an additional $1,056 for a total of $77,350.
- Criswell College has approximately 151 students that are eligible to participate in programs under Title IV of the Education Act of 1965.
- Criswell College awarded the CARES Act funds to 151 students.
- Criswell College identified the population of Title IV eligible students. This population was used in conjunction with each student’s enrollment status (full-time, ¾ time, ½ time, less than ½ time). The College assigned award amounts according to each student’s enrollment status at the time of award. Graduate and Undergraduate students were identified and awarded according to their enrollment status for their degree level.

**Intended Purpose for CARES Act Funds:**

The CARES Act in an effort to provide emergency financial grants to students to assist in covering expenses related to disruptions from the COVID-19 pandemic that are related to food, shelter, course materials, technology, health care, and child care.

To be eligible for emergency funding through the CARES Act, students must:

- Be enrolled full-time, ¾ time, ½ time, less than ½ time.
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- Be registered for Selective Services (if male).
- Meet satisfactory academic standards.

To determine eligibility for additional funds through the CARES Act, students must do the following:

- Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2020-21 school year online at fafsa.gov or through the Criswell College Finaid Portal.
- Choose Criswell College to receive FAFSA information (Criswell College school code is 04121800).
- Submit additional documentation that is requested.
- Contact Financial Aid by email at finaid@criswell.edu for additional questions or concerns.
Frequently Asked Questions:

Once an application is submitted, how long will it take to receive a response?

Due to the volume of applications received, please allow up to 21 business days for a response.

If approved, how long will it take to receive funds?

Students with direct deposit should see funds deposited within a few business days. Paper checks can take up to 1-2 weeks.