

**The New York School for Medical and Dental Assistants (NYSMDA)
Grant Disbursement Policy**

**EMERGENCY FINANCIAL AID GRANT FUNDS
Under the CARES Act**

NYSMDA is expected to receive \$228, 879.00 under Section 18004(a)(1) of the Cares Act (Act), Pub. L. No. 116-136. NYSMDA is required to disburse these funds to Title IV eligible students who need assistance as instructed in the Act. Any current Title IV NYSMDA student who as a result of the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus needs assistance for eligible expenses such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care and childcare will receive an emergency financial aid grant. Students who went on a leave of absence on or after March 13, 2020 also qualify as current Title IV NYSMDA students. Students who were attending on March 13, 2020 but subsequently graduated are not eligible for the grant because they are not current students. Similarly, student who took a leave of absence prior to March 13, 2020 are not deemed to be current student.

If you are a NYSMDA student who has not received financial aid you can fill out a Free Application for Student Assistance (FASFA) to determine if you are eligible and if you are eligible than you will receive an Emergency Financial Aid Grant (EFAG).

NYSMDA will distribute the EFAG grants based on need with the needier students receiving more grant money than those who are not as needy. NYSMDA will determine a student's need by their Expected Family Contribution (EFC).

NYSMDA will take the lower of a student's 19/20 or 20/21 EFC and a grant will be sent to the eligible student. The amount of the grant will be based on the table below:

19/20 or 20/21
EFC

Amount of Grant

0	\$1,000
1-500	\$900
501-1000	\$800
1001-2000	\$700
2001-3000	\$600
All other eligible Title IV Students	\$500

Students may appeal their EFC number if they can demonstrate that the COVID-19 pandemic adversely affected them and that they would have had a lower EFC if their post COVID-19 circumstances had been their circumstances when they applied for financial aid. Factors for a successful appeal may include but are not limited to loss of a job or increased parental responsibilities.

Once the school receives the funding per the Act, a check will be issued to the student and it will be sent to the address that the school has on file. If you are a student at the New York campus, ensure that the school has the correct address for you in the Orbund System. If you are a student at the Idaho Campus, make sure that you call the school if you have changed your address since enrolling.

The check will be sent with the attached attestation form (See Exhibit 1). If a student does not have a need for the funds that follows the attestation form, then they are required to send the check back to the school.

Student disbursements will be tracked with a HERRF grant disbursement ledger. The ledger will be checked daily to determine the checks that are outstanding. If a check is outstanding for 30 days than the school will contact the student to verify their address, stop payment on the initial check and reissue a check, if needed.

Exhibit 1

Attestation Form for Disbursement of Emergency Financial Aid Grants

By accepting this Emergency Financial Aid Grant you are attesting to the fact that as a result of the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus, you are in need of assistance for eligible expenses such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care and child care.

If you are not in need of these funds or do not feel that you qualify for them, please return the check to:

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33-10 Queen Boulevard
Long Island City, NY 11101