

### **Emergency Financial Aid for Students under SSARP:**

The U.S. Department of Education (“USDOE”) awarded \$395,020.00 to the college for emergency financial aid grants to students. The college signed and returned to the USDOE the Certification and Agreement. These funds are to be used to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible expenses include food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and childcare. Students who met basic eligibility criteria for federal financial aid (Title IV) funding and who were determined to have an exceptional need were considered for SSARP. Information from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) was used to determine eligibility for Emergency Grant Funds.

### **SSARP Student Eligibility:**

- Active enrollment at the time of disbursement during the Fall 2022 or Spring 2023 semester(s) for a minimum of one (1) credit hour in a program that leads to a certificate, diploma, or degree.
- Have completed a FAFSA for the 2022-2023 aid year for Fall 2022 and/or Spring 2023.
- Have a valid zero EFC on their 2022-2023 FAFSA.
- International and DACA students are eligible.
- Have met all requirements for admission.

### **Student Not Eligible for SSARP Emergency Grant Funds:**

Student populations determined as not eligible for Emergency Grant Funds as defined by the U.S. Department of Education:

- Dual Enrolled High School Students
- Joint Enrolled High School Students
- Transient students – these students may receive funds from their respective home institution.
- Adult Education (non-credit) Students

### **Proposed Process for Awarding and Disbursing SSARP Emergency funds to Students:**

Based on the eligibility requirements above, the college found that 565 students met eligibility requirements to receive Emergency Grant Funds. The college disbursed funds to those students determined to be eligible. Funds were awarded by the Financial Aid Department and disbursed to student accounts. Each student account showed a credit balance. SSARP funds can be used to cover tuition and fees balances if the student gives prior authorization. The Business Office disbursed any credit balance to BankMobile for release to the student.

The College disbursed funds to two cohorts: Cohort 1 from the Fall 2022 term and Cohort 2 from the Spring 2023 term.

#### Identification of SSARP Cohort 1:

Cohort 1 consisted of those students who already completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for 2022-2023 and met all eligibility requirements stated above. The college found that 565 students were enrolled in Fall 2022 semester for Cohort 1.

The total funding amount allocated to Cohort 1 was \$195,757.56, resulting in the award amounts below. The College sent an email and text once the funds were disbursed to student accounts.

<b>Tiers</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>Award</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Zero EFC</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>\$350.82</b>	<b>\$195,757.56</b>

#### Identification of SSARP Cohort 2:

The college subsequently determined that students who enrolled in the Spring 2023 term continued to face impact from the COVID-19 virus. Cohort 2 consisted of Spring 2023 semester students who met all eligibility requirements as stated above.

The total funding amount allocated to Cohort 2 was \$199,262.44. The disbursement of Cohort 2 to student accounts took place in March 2023. The College sent an email and text once the funds were disbursed to student accounts.

Cohort 2 consisted of those students who already completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for 2022-2023 and met all eligibility requirements stated above. The college found that 581 students were enrolled in Spring 2023 semester for Cohort 1.

The total funding amount allocated to Cohort 1 was \$199,262.44, resulting in the award amounts below. The College sent an email and text once the funds were disbursed to student accounts.

<b>Tiers</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>Award</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Zero EFC</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>\$342.96</b>	<b>\$199,262.44</b>

Ten students with the highest unmet need received an additional \$34.30. One student with the highest unmet need in the entire cohort received an additional \$36.94 to account for the remaining CARES 4 funds.

Should any Emergency Grant funds remain following the distribution to Cohort 2, the college will disburse the balance of the remaining funds to the eligible students identified in Cohort 2.

If you have questions about these Student Emergency Financial Aid Grants under the SSARP, please contact the Financial Aid Office at [finaid@northgatech.edu](mailto:finaid@northgatech.edu)