



**Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act Required Reporting  
Initial Report – May 21, 2020**

In accordance with the reporting requirements of Section 18004(e) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, Texas A&M University-Commerce (A&M-Commerce), an institution receiving funds under this section, is providing the following information:

1. A&M-Commerce acknowledges that the University signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement. The institution further certifies it will use a minimum of 50% of the funds, or \$3,596,578.00, received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
2. A&M-Commerce will receive \$3,596,578.00 from the Department pursuant to the University's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
3. The total amount of A&M-Commerce Phase 1 allocation of the Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of May 21, 2020 is \$798,475.00.
4. The estimated total number of students at A&M-Commerce eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act during the first phase of allocations are 7,510.
5. The total number of students who have received an A&M-Commerce allocation during phase one of the Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is 3,401 as of May 21, 2020.
6. The first allocation phase at A&M-Commerce has awarded grants of up to \$798,475.00 under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. Eligible students were able to apply for grants using a simple online application process. A&M-Commerce made awards using a weighted matrix based on financial aid eligibility and semester credit hours with the allocation of funds to be distributed over four phases: Spring, Summer I, Summer II and Fall 2020. Any leftover money from planned allocations will be used to provide individualized support for students experiencing extended affects from disruptions as a result of the coronavirus. Below is the distribution plan for A&M-Commerce.
  - a. **PHASE 1 OF ALLOCATION:** 40% Emergency Financial Aid Grants for Eligible Students Enrolled in Spring 2020 Semester

- b. **PHASE 2 OF ALLOCATION:** 10% Emergency Financial Aid Grants for Eligible Students Enrolled in Summer I 2020 Semester
  - c. **PHASE 3 OF ALLOCATION:** 10% Emergency Financial Aid Grants for Eligible Students Enrolled in Summer II 2020 Semester
  - d. **PHASE 4 OF ALLOCATION:** 40% Emergency Financial Aid Grants for Eligible Students Enrolled in Fall 2020 Semester
  - e. **EXTENDED SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS:** Individual Emergency Grants
7. Instructions concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants were sent to A&M-Commerce students by President Mark Rudin on [May 5, 2020](#). Additional information on financial relief through the CARES Act was posted to the online COVID-19 website on [May 18, 2020](#). Both communications are included in this report, and direct students to the CARES Act banner at the top of the [tamuc.edu](#) home page to see if they qualify for assistance.
8. On March 23, 2020, A&M-Commerce moved to essential only on-campus personnel. This allowed important services for students to continue. On the same date, all other employees began working remotely and were provided technology as needed to continue job responsibilities from an alternative work location without disruption in pay. A&M-Commerce continues to pay contracted third-party vendors and employees to support student services while following state and local guidelines.

<https://new.tamuc.edu/dr-rudins-letter-regarding-the-cares-act/>

COVID-19 FROM THE PRESIDENT

MAY 5TH, 2020

## Letter from Dr. Rudin regarding the CARES Act

Dear Lion Family,

Texas A&M University-Commerce students with financial hardship related to the COVID-19 pandemic may qualify for emergency funds from the federal CARES Act.

The CARES Act funds may be used to assist you with college attendance costs, including housing, food, health care, child care, living expenses, and more.

To find out if you qualify, visit [tamuc.edu](http://tamuc.edu) and click on the CARES Act banner at the top of the page. This will take you directly to the CARES Act information pages and application.

Take care,



Mark Rudin  
President

<https://new.tamuc.edu/thousands-of-am-commerce-students-receive-financial-relief-through-cares-act/>

COVID-19

MAY 18TH, 2020

# A&M-Commerce Students Receive Financial Relief Through CARES Act

A&M-Commerce received more than \$3.5 million from the CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund to help students who are experiencing financial hardship related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The federal relief fund became available to A&M-Commerce students in early May, and more than a third of the university's students have already completed applications for assistance.

The CARES Act provides grant money to students who have experienced financial hardship related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Students may use the grant funds to help pay for college attendance, including food, housing, course materials, technology, health care and child-care.

Every A&M-Commerce student is encouraged to apply. More than 3,000 individual CARES Act awards have been approved for Spring 2020 as of May 15.

Students may apply for CARES Act assistance for the spring semester until June 1. Additional deadlines for the summer and fall semesters can be found in the Emergency Funding Allocation Plan on the university's [Cares Act page](#).

The amount awarded to each student is based on the number of credit hours in which the student is enrolled in a given term, with additional weight provided for students who received a Pell grant during the semester. Students do not need to be Pell-eligible to qualify for a CARES Act award, but Pell grant eligibility is a weighted factor in the award calculation. The Emergency Funding Allocation Plan on the university's [Cares Act page](#) outlines estimated award amounts.

A&M-Commerce students can access the online CARES Act application by visiting [tamuc.edu](http://tamuc.edu) and clicking the red CARES Act banner at the top of the page. After submitting their application, students will instantly find out whether they qualify and how much they can expect to receive.

Charles Robnett, director of student accounts at A&M-Commerce, said, "A&M-Commerce is pleased to be able to provide CARES Act assistance to our students. Our online application is quick and easy with an immediate response as to award approval and amount. We look forward to being able to continue the CARES Act process through the summer and into the fall 2020 semester."

The university's [Cares Act page](#) provides information on eligibility, the application process, and frequently asked questions.

# TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE

## PHASE 1 - INITIAL STUDENT REPORT

May 21, 2020

**PHASE 1 OF ALLOCATION:** 40% Emergency Financial Aid Grants for Eligible Students  
Enrolled in Spring 2020 Semester

Level	Enrollment Status (SCH)	Pell Elig	Head Count	Weight	% of Population	Allocation	Per Student
UG	12 or more	Y	2,452	22,068	62.9%	\$ 905,509	\$ 369
UG	6-11	Y	306	1,836	5.2%	\$ 75,336	\$ 246
UG	1-5	Y	23	69	0.2%	\$ 2,831	\$ 123
UG	12 or more	N	2,295	6,885	19.6%	\$ 282,510	\$ 123
GR	12 or more	N	137	411	1.2%	\$ 16,864	\$ 123
UG	6-11	N	634	1,268	3.6%	\$ 52,029	\$ 82
GR	6-11	N	894	1,788	5.1%	\$ 73,366	\$ 82
GR	1-5	N	430	430	1.2%	\$ 17,644	\$ 41
UG	1-5	N	339	339	1.0%	\$ 13,910	\$ 41
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>7,510</b>	<b>35,094</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 1,440,000</b>	

**PHASE 1 OF ALLOCATION:** Totals as of May 21, 2020

Level	Date	Head Count	Awarded	Remaining
UG	5/21/2020	2849	\$ 798,475	\$ 641,525
GR	5/21/2020	552		
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>3,401</b>	<b>\$ 798,475</b>	<b>\$ 641,525</b>

# TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE

## PHASED ALLOCATIONS

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**PHASE 2 OF ALLOCATION:** 10% Emergency Financial Aid Grants for Eligible Students Enrolled in Summer I 2020 Semester

Level	Enrollment Status (SCH)	Pell Elig	Head Count	Weight	% of Population	Allocation	Per Student
UG	12 or more	Y	5	45	0.6%	\$ 2,132	\$ 426
UG	6-11	Y	406	2,436	32.1%	\$ 115,389	\$ 284
UG	1-5	Y	313	939	12.4%	\$ 44,479	\$ 142
GR	12 or more	N	45	135	1.8%	\$ 6,395	\$ 142
UG	6-11	N	436	872	11.5%	\$ 41,305	\$ 95
GR	6-11	N	687	1,374	18.1%	\$ 65,084	\$ 95
GR	1-5	N	1,243	1,243	16.4%	\$ 58,879	\$ 47
UG	1-5	N	601	601	7.9%	\$ 28,468	\$ 47
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>3,731</b>	<b>7,600</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 360,000</b>	

**PHASE 3 OF ALLOCATION:** 10% Emergency Financial Aid Grants for Eligible Students Enrolled in Summer II 2020 Semester

Level	Enrollment Status (SCH)	Pell Elig	Head Count	Weight	% of Population	Allocation	Per Student
UG	12 or more	Y	5	45	0.7%	\$ 2,528	\$ 506
UG	6-11	Y	393	2,358	36.8%	\$ 132,493	\$ 337
UG	1-5	Y	271	813	12.7%	\$ 45,681	\$ 169
UG	6-11	N	561	1,122	17.5%	\$ 63,044	\$ 112
GR	6-11	N	301	602	9.4%	\$ 33,826	\$ 112
GR	1-5	N	903	903	14.1%	\$ 50,738	\$ 56
UG	1-5	N	609	609	9.5%	\$ 34,219	\$ 56
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>3,043</b>	<b>6,452</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 362,529</b>	

**PHASE 4 OF ALLOCATION:** 40% Emergency Financial Aid Grants for Eligible Students Enrolled in Fall 2020 Semester

Level	Enrollment Status (SCH)	Pell Elig	Head Count	Weight	% of Population	Allocation	Per Student
UG	12 or more	Y	2,719	24,471	56.9%	\$ 1,372,812	\$ 505
UG	6-11	Y	510	3,060	7.1%	\$ 171,665	\$ 337
UG	1-5	Y	57	171	0.4%	\$ 9,593	\$ 168
UG	12 or more	N	2,525	7,575	17.6%	\$ 424,954	\$ 168
GR	12 or more	N	279	837	1.9%	\$ 46,955	\$ 168
UG	6-11	N	1,004	2,008	4.7%	\$ 112,648	\$ 112
GR	6-11	N	1,680	3,360	7.8%	\$ 188,494	\$ 112
GR	1-5	N	1,031	1,031	2.4%	\$ 57,839	\$ 56
UG	1-5	N	482	482	1.1%	\$ 27,040	\$ 56
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>10,287</b>	<b>42,995</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 2,412,000</b>	