

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

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

NYSMDA signed and returned to the United States Department of Education a Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution intends to use no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

On June 18, 2020 NYSMDA received \$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, students who took a leave of absence prior to March 13, 2020 are not deemed to be a current student.

If you were a NYSMDA student as of June 24, 2020 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 has distributed the EFAG grants based on need with the needier students receiving more grant money than those who are not as needy. NYSMDA determined a student's need by their Expected Family Contribution (EFC). NYSMDA has taken the lower of a student's 19/20 or 20/21 EFC and a grant has

been sent to the eligible student. The amount of the grant was 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.

Between June 24, 2020 and July 1, 2020, NYSMDA disbursed 292 Emergency Financial Aid Grants (EFAG) totaling \$262,700. The 292 grants represent the eligible number of students as of June 24, 2020. NYSMDA sent these checks to the student's last known address. NYSMDA posted messages on its student information system and its website to remind students to keep their address current. If you were an eligible NYSMDA student as of June 24, 2020 and you have not received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant please contact Clint Arnaboldi at (203) 524-2421.

Student disbursements have been tracked with the HERRF grant disbursement ledger. The ledger has been checked daily to determine the checks that are outstanding. As of July 28, 2020, 254 of the 292 EFAG checks have cleared NYSMDA's bank account and thirty-eight (38) of the checks are still outstanding. NYSMDA is in the process of contacting these thirty-eight (38) students and reissuing their checks if necessary.

Each disbursement was 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.

## **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