CARES Act Fall Stimulus Grant FAQ

How do I qualify for the grant/stimulus?

You must have a completed FAFSA on file and have finalized all verification with Financial Aid by 5:00pm on 10/19/20 to be eligible, along with the following criteria:

Must be actively enrolled in more than online only courses. Total enrollment must include at least 1 credit of **blended** OR **in-person** modality to be eligible.

- Cannot be Dual Credit, Incarcerated, or Non-Credit courses.
- Must meet standards for Financial Aid eligibility at AWC, including but not limited to:
 - o US Citizen or Permanent Resident
 - High School Diploma/GED/Equivalency
 - Registered for Selective Service (male only)
 - Not already have an AA/AS degree or higher
 - Not exceed total allowed credits or time for Title IV eligibility
 - Must meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) from last semester of attendance at AWC
 - If the last semester attended was the first 8 week term of the this Fall, we will check the posted grades to determine eligibility for SAP
 - Not be in default on any prior student loan
 - No federal or state conviction for drug possession or sale, with certain time limitations

As with other CARES Grant funds, you do not need to be receiving financial aid, but must still meet the above standards, which are verified by the completion of a FAFSA.

How do I apply for the grant/stimulus?

There is no application to get this grant. If you satisfy the requirements, you will automatically get it. If you have not already done so, you must complete and submit the FAFSA Application for 2020-2021 at www.studentaid.gov. Submit all verification documents as requested to Financial Aid. You must complete all of this by 10/19. There are no late acceptances or appeals to this.

Do I need to be enrolled in classes in the Fall?

You must be a currently enrolled student in this Fall by the time we distribute the funds. If you are enrolled and meet the eligibility, as defined above, as of 10/19 then you should receive the funds. If you drop or withdraw from all of your courses before the disbursement date, you will not be eligible for any grant/stimulus. Please note, your courses may not be online classes only, not incarcerated, and not a dual enrollment student still in High School. Classes that are offered as Zoom sessions for Blended Real Time or just Real Time Zoom, are not considered online classes.

I have a question about my FAFSA, verification of documents, or other Financial Aid status?

Please contact <u>financialaid@azwestern.edu</u>.

How will I receive the payment?

Payments will be made through Bank Mobile. If you do not have an account, please sign up at http://bankmobiledisbursements.com/refundchoices. You do not need an account to get your stimulus, they will mail you a check if you do not already have an account.

When will funds be awarded?

Within 1-2 weeks of 10/19 funds will be available through Bank Mobile. If you do not have an account with Bank Mobile, you will receive a check in the mail within 3-4 weeks of 10/19. You can sign up for a Bank Mobile account at http://bankmobiledisbursements.com/refundchoices.

How much money will I get?

The determination on how much money will be distributed to each student is still being determined. This is the last round of CARES Act Stimulus being awarded by AWC. After this, all funds received from the federal government will have been 100% distributed.

How will I know I was approved to get the grant/stimulus?

If you meet the eligibility, the funds will be disbursed as described above. There will be no notices sent out to notify you of approval.