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Mr. Patrick Fuller, Chief Clerk
Wisconsin State Assembly
17 West Main Street, Rm. 401
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Chief Clerk Fuller:

I am pleased to share with you the attached report in compliance with section 38.42 of the Wisconsin Statutes. This provision requires the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) to submit an annual report regarding Grants to Students to Meet Emergency Financial Need. The report is to be submitted to the Chief Clerk of each house of the legislature.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Dr. Colleen McCabe, Provost and Vice President at 608-266-9399 or colleen.mccabe@wtcsystem.edu.

Sincerely,

Dr. Morna K. Foy
President

Cc: Dave Loppnow, Legislative Fiscal Bureau



WTCS 19-20 Grants to Meet Emergency Financial Need Final Report

In March 2016, the Wisconsin state legislature passed Act 282, establishing the first state publicly funded student emergency grant program in the US. The Wisconsin Technical College System received \$320,000 in aid to directly address student emergency financial needs.

Grants were limited to Pell eligible students with an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of less than \$5,000 - not all Pell eligible students, but the very neediest. The grants could be used for unplanned, unanticipated expenses such as medical related, vehicle repairs, dependent care, housing, utilities and/or transportation. Below is a summary of the outcomes of the WTCS Student Emergency Assistance Grants.

1. Number of student emergency grants awarded – 798
2. The number of student emergency grant requests denied – 1,431
3. The number of students receiving student emergency grants (unduplicated) - 738
4. The total amount of student emergency grant money awarded - \$320,000
5. The total amount of grant money available but not awarded - \$0
6. The number of students who received a grant and completed their degree or credential - 175
7. The number of students who received a student emergency grant and transferred to another postsecondary institution – 8
*This information is collected through the National Student Clearinghouse, and the student who intends to transfer in fall 2020 is not reported until the semester is underway.
8. The number of students who received a student emergency grant and did not complete the term in which the grant was awarded - 68
9. The types of expenses for which students requested student emergency grants: Gas, transportation-related expenses or issues, bus passes, eyeglasses, emergency dependent care, utilities, emergency housing, rent, medical-related expenses, technology needs.