

HIGHER EDUCATION EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) (Pub. L. 117-2). The ARP appropriated approximately \$39.6 billion for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) and represents the third stream of funding appropriated for HEERF to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus. Taken together, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) (Pub. L. 116–136), the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) (Pub. L. 116-260), and the ARP represent HEERF I, HEERF II, and HEERF III, respectively.

The following information is reported for the period, Oct 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

This statement shall serve to acknowledge that our institution signed and returned to the US Department of Education the Certification and Agreement – Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students. We further attest that our institution has used, and/or intends to use, no less than 50 percent of the funds received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Student is \$28,426.

The total amount of ARP Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students as of September 30, 2021, is \$0.

The estimated total number of students at our institution 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 is 20.

The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act through September 30, 2021 is 0.

The following is the method used by our institution to determine which students can receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

According to the institution's policy, qualified students are students who :

- Have a FAFSA on file and eligible for Title IV funding.
- Has completed and satisfied any financial aid verification requirements.
- Enrolled in an eligible program.
- Has a status of 'currently attending' as opposed to being on LOA.

The institution has deemed students with the most need as the students who will be enrolled for the longest duration post-covid-19 demonstrating their need for emergency funds.

Award amounts for qualified students are between \$250 - \$500 disbursements bi-monthly and will be distributed to students by o

The following instructions/directions/guidance was provided by our institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

Our institution was granted funds through the CARES Act and the U.S. Department of Education to assist our students and the institution's operations during the Covid-19 Pandemic.

These funds are intended for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus, including eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance, such as food, course materials, technology, health care, and child care.