

HIGHER EDUCATION EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND

On March 27, 2020, the Federal government enacted the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Pub L. No. 116-136, providing funds to institutions from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) to make Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students 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. The law requires institutions to report certain information related to the use of these funds. The following information is reported for the period, May 11, 2020 to September 30, 2020.

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 under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students. The total amount of funds that the institution has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Student is \$35,728.

The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of September 30, 2020, is \$15,250.

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 25.

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, 2020 is 25.

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.
- Actively engaged in Temporary Distance Education and demonstrate consistent attendance and adherence to the school's policies.
- Must be making satisfactory academic progress in both attendance and academics.

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 can be picked up at the institution's office during school hours.

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.