



CARES ACT REPORTING ON EMERGENCY FINANCIAL AID GRANTS TO STUDENTS

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, September 22, 2020 to October 22, 2020.

- I. 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.
- II. 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 \$291,750.00.
- III. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of September 22, 2020, is \$0.00
- IV. 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 105.
- V. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to date is 0.
- VI. The following is the method used by our institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much each student will receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

Who Will be Eligible for Aid: The federal government declared a national state of emergency on March 13, 2020 beginning the disruptive process of COVID 19 and its effect on our students. Every student who was active or on an approved leave of absence on this date was disenfranchised from the pandemic. For this reason, all students who were active or on an approved leave of absence on March 13, 2020 and are eligible to participate in Title IV fund programs are eligible for Emergency Financial Aid Grants under the CARES Act.

How Much Each Student Will Receive: Funds were allocated per student by employing a need-based system determined by a student's estimated family contribution score and their dependency status (both as defined by the US Department of Education). The following table illustrates which status will receive which amount:

Students with an EFC 5577 or less	Students with an EFC of 5578 or higher OR Students who do not have an EFC
\$2,500.00	\$2,300.00

Additional funds will be included based on the following dependency status:

Independent Students	Dependent Students
\$350.00	\$300.00

- VII. The follow guidance will be provided by our institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

Emergency Financial Aid Grants will be disbursed upon receipt of an executed Attestation for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students Under the CARES Act. Students should allow 4-5 business days to process the request. Once the student signs and executes the document electronically grant checks will then be mailed to the address provided in the Attestation.