

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Reporting – Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

Section 18004(e) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act” or the “Act”), Pub. L. No. 116-136, 134 Stat. 281 (March 27, 2020), directs institutions receiving funds under Section 18004 of the Act to submit a report to the Secretary describing the use of funds distributed from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (“HEERF”).

1. UW-Superior signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used, 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. This was signed by the Vice Chancellor of Administration and Finance on 4/16/20 and acknowledged 4/18/20. We were notified of funding on 4/30/20 with funds available on 5/1/20.
2. The total amount of funds that UW-Superior will receive for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students is \$744,184.
3. Total Amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of
 - a. 5/20/20: \$242,250
 - b. 6/26/20: \$741,750
 - c. 8/6/20: \$744,184
4. Total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of
 - a. 5/20/20: 389
 - b. 6/26/20: 443
 - c. 8/6/20: 445
5. The estimated total number of students at the 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 as of
 - a. 5/20/20: 1,035
 - b. 6/26/20: 1,038
 - c. 8/6/20: 1,038
6. Eligible students were sent an email to their UWSUPER email, with a Qualtrics survey to submit their grant application. Eligible students include those that have filed a FAFSA (Title IV aid eligible) and are not enrolled in an online program. Submitted applications are reviewed by the Dean of Students office. Students are required to describe how the COVID-19 pandemic has increased their expenses and choose a corresponding funding level of \$250, \$500, or \$750.

As of 6/2/20, the decision was made to convert any institutional emergency grants that were made prior to the CARES act disbursements to CARES act, if the student met the CARES act criteria. The maximum of these awards was \$200 per student. No additional application was required.

As of 6/20/20, the decision was made to increase all CARES grant recipient awards by \$1000. No additional application was required.

7. Instructions to eligible students for grant completion:
CARES Act Emergency Grant SPRING 2020

On Friday, March 27, 2020, President Trump signed the CARES Act which established and funded a Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Degree-seeking students who are currently enrolled in Spring 2020 courses
- Students in on-campus programs; it does not include students that are enrolled in exclusively online programs
- Students who have filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for 2019-2020, and are eligible for federal financial aid at the time of disbursement

Guidelines:

1. Funds are limited and will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis
2. This funding does not have an impact on your other financial aid
3. This funding is to cover a student's expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus. Examples of eligible expenses may include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Increased costs for food, housing, course materials, additional/new technology, unexpected travel, health care, childcare, internet, etc.
 - b. NOTE: Students should consider both current and on-going expenses during the pandemic.
4. Lost income/wages are NOT covered by this grant.

Please describe below how the COVID-19 pandemic has increased your expenses:

Select award amount that best reflects your expenses:

- \$250
- \$500
- \$750

I hereby certify that the statements contained here are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

- Yes
- No

By typing my full name in the field below and clicking the "Submit" button, I agree to submitting my signature electronically on this form.

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