

CARES 3 7/19/2021 1ST STUDENT PORTION DISTRIBUTION

Under CARES Act Section 18004 of the CARES Act establishes the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) and instructs the Secretary to allocate funding to eligible IHEs in connection with the COVID-19 outbreak. Section 18004(c) states that institutions must use at least 50 percent of their allocations “to provide 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, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care).”

Neither section 18004(c) nor any other part of the CARES Act defines the term “student” or the phrases “grants to students” or “emergency financial aid grants to students.” The emergency funds available under CARES, CRRSAA, and ARP are provided to allow students and institutions to cope with expenses related to the COVID-19 pandemic, if applicable.

1. An acknowledgement that the institution 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(c)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. **Documentation & Documentation.**
2. Total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution’s Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
\$180,000 as of 7/19/2021 (ARP)
3. Total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the 30-day Report and every 45 days thereafter).
\$180,000 as of 7/19/2021
4. The estimated total number of students at the institution eligible to participate as announced in the Department’s final rule, “Eligibility To Receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students Under HEERF” (May 14, 2021, 86 FR 26608) (final rule), the term “student,” for purposes of the phrases “grants to students,” “emergency financial aid grants to students,” and “financial aid grants to students” as used in the HEERF programs, is now defined as any individual who is or was enrolled (as defined in 34 CFR § 668.2) at an eligible institution (as defined in 34 CFR § 600.2) on or after March 13, 2020, the date of declaration of the national emergency due to the coronavirus (85 FR 15337). Thus, students are no longer required to be eligible for Title IV student financial aid in order to receive HEERF grants to students.

**The number of students in Spring enrollment report (excluding Prison) = 449.
Remember this is only an estimate.**

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5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
499 as of 7/19/2021
6. The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
 - A. Less than 1/2 time \$350.00
 - B. 1/2 time \$400.00
 - C. 3/4 time \$548.00
 - D. Full Time \$566.00 remaining funds / by students
7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

See Application