

**CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) Reporting
Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students**

The following information is provided to comply with the Department of Education's CARES Act Reporting requirements.

Report Date: July 24, 2020

- 1. An acknowledgment 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(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.**

Ball State University signed and submitted the Funding Certification and Agreement with the U.S. Department of Education on May 1, 2020. The University agrees to use these funds to provide emergency financial aid grants to students.

- 2. The 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:**

\$7,623,465

- 3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of October 9, 2020 (i.e., as of the 30-day Report and every 45 days thereafter).**

\$7,125,800

- 4. 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.**

14,283 students

- 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 as of October 9, 2020.**

7,517 students

- 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.**

Data was analyzed to determine the size of the eligible population and potential awarding parameters. The goal was to reach as many students as possible with the funds available. FAFSA data was used to determine those most in need and awarding priorities were determined from

that analysis. Students can receive between \$500 and \$1,000 in CARES Act funds. Processes are still being finalized on how to use the remaining funds for Summer 2020.

7. **Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.**

An email was sent to each of the 9,516 students identified as eligible for CARES Act funding via their Ball State email address with a link to a certification form. Students are required to complete the certification to confirm that they did incur additional expenses due to the transition from on-campus courses to online courses. Those can include living expenses or educational expenses such as food, housing, utilities, goods, childcare, health care, computer purchase or rental, internet/Wi-Fi access or additional course materials.

Once a student confirms he or she incurred expenses due to the coronavirus, the funds awarded are credited to the student's Bursar account. The funds are then directly refunded to the student's bank account through direct deposit, or if the student has chosen not to have funds deposited via direct deposit, a check is mailed to the permanent address on file.

Students who were not offered CARES Act funds in the initial round were informed that they could be considered for those funds by applying online. [Learn more.](#)