

Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students Fund Reporting

On March 27, 2020, the President of the United States signed the CARES Act (H.R. 748), which provides emergency relief funds to organizations and individuals affected by the coronavirus pandemic. The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF), found in Section 18004 of the CARES Act, provides funding to institutions of higher education “to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.”

This report provides details on the first award Western Illinois University received under the HEERF, the funds for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Award No. P425E200622.

CERTIFICATION

Western Illinois University signed and returned to the US Department of Education the Certification and Agreement on April 13, 2020. On April 28, 2020 WIU received notification of grant funding from the Department of Education. WIU will use no less than 50% of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. Western Illinois University will receive a total of \$7,997,093 under Section 18004(a)(1) of the HEERF. At least \$3,998,547 will be distributed directly to students impacted by campus disruptions due to the Coronavirus.

FUNDS DISTRIBUTED

As of 7/10/2020, WIU has awarded \$3,457,918 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

Western Illinois University has an estimated 8,118 students eligible to participate in programs made possible through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund via the CARES Act. On 7/10/20, WIU has distributed Emergency Financial Aid Grants to 772 students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

To be eligible* for emergency aid students must:

- 1) A US Citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- 2) Be enrolled for the term in which funds are being requested.
- 3) Admitted into a degree program.
- 4) Meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress

METHOD USED TO DETERMINE STUDENTS ELIGIBILITY

wiu.edu/student_services/financial_aid/appeal/index.php

Emergency aid is given out in the form of a grant and need not be repaid. Applications will be

