

## Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Reporting-Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

### Davis College, Toledo, Ohio

On March 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 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. Davis College is making the information available for transparency purposes and in compliance with the U. S. Department of Education's Electronic Announcement of May 6, 2020. For questions or concerns regarding this fund report, please contact Nancy Powers, Financial Aid Director, at [Nancy.Powers@DavisCollege.edu](mailto:Nancy.Powers@DavisCollege.edu).

1. The institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students. 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.
2. The total amount of funds that the institution has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification of Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students is \$49,962.
3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004 (a)(1) of the CARES Act of the date of submission is \$49,962.
4. The estimated total number of students at the institution who are or could be eligible to participate in the Federal student financial aid programs under Section 484 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, and thus are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004 (a)(1) of the CARES Act is 55.
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 is 55.
6. The method(s) used by this 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 are as follows:
  - a. Each Student was sent an email with the application attached in June 2020, to apply for funds based on their current situation. The application asked if they were financially responsible for food, housing and expenses, how many children they had and if they were responsible for daycare expenses, had they lost their job, temporarily or permanently due to coronavirus and were there any unforeseen expenses. Then they had to attest to their statements

as being true and accurate and sign the application. The forms were returned and when the money came in, it was determined that based on the number of applicants, we would give a set amount of \$750 per student, then an additional \$100 per child, and then factor in any extreme cases, using professional judgement to award any remaining funds available, based on their application answers in order to award every dollar awarded to Davis College. The institution made exceptions for some students that were not Pell grant eligible, but lost their job due to covid-19, that they should receive the \$750 as well. If a student didn't receive Pell grant but had expenses related to school because of covid-19, but were still working limited hours, they would receive an award of \$500. Three of our students are not Pell Grant eligible.

7. This letter was mailed to eligible recipients on September 3, 2020.

Hello very patient recipients of the CARES Grant Funds!!!

Yes, I said recipient!! You each will be receiving a check very soon!

Checks will be mailed on September 15, 2020. IF YOUR ADDRESS HAS CHANGED, PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL ASAP AND UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS!

The amount of the checks vary based on your Pell Grant award, whether you lost your job, how many children you have, your expenses and some other factors. I think you will all be pleased with the distribution as we have squeezed every last penny out for you!

We will be sending the funds as checks, and your cashing the check will count as acceptance of the funds, along with its terms of usage. There will be a letter with each check that will explain this in detail. It is fairly simple...all the money had to go to you, our amazing students, and is to be used for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care and child care expenses...If this is unacceptable to you, please let me know asap so we can remove your award of these funds.

Remember, this is a GRANT! This is NOT a loan and does NOT have to be repaid! Yay!

Thank you all so much for your patience!

Letter to students that accompany the checks will be added with the next update.

An email was sent to students asking if they would rather pick up their checks or have them mailed. The students who opted to pick up their checks signed a ledger for the money. 51 students opted to come to the school and pick up their checks, the other 4 checks were mailed.

With each check was an attached note that stated:

*Hello very patient and wonderful students!!!*

*I hope this money helps alleviate a little of the pressure caused by Covid-19!*

*This money is to be used for expenses caused by the disruption that is Covid-19. Food, housing, course materials, technology, health care and child care expenses, or anything you deem appropriate related to Covid-19.*

*I hope this money has given you a little relief and put a smile on your beautiful faces, as it has mine being able to distribute it to you!!!*

*Take Care, Stay Safe*

*Nancy Powers*