

In March 27, 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.

The following information is reported for: **July 14, 2020 - August 27, 2020**

This statement shall serve to acknowledge that our institution signed and returned to the US Department of Education the Certification and Agreement - Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students. We further attest that our institution has used, and/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.

- 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 Student is: **\$99,518.00**
- The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of June 7, 2020, is: **113,450.00**
- The estimated total number of students at our 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 is: **221**
- The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to date is: **221**
- The following is the method used by our institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much each student has received/will receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

The following guidelines were set to determine student eligibility:

- **Must be a current student who is eligible for Title IV funding.**
- **All Title IV eligible students at Westcliff University were awarded a base amount from the CARES Act Westcliff Relief Fund.**
- **Westcliff invited all Title IV eligible students to apply for additional funds based on the hardship that the pandemic is imposing upon them.**
- **Student applications were evaluated by a committee of university leaders, and the distribution of additional funds was determined based on the severity of the reported hardship.**

The following instructions/directions/guidance was/will be provided by our institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

- **Students were asked to complete and submit an application by May 14, 2020, to attest if they have endured financial hardship or excessive financial hardship.**
- **Students were instructed to submit a current FAFSA if one was not completed.**