

CARES Act Report

CARES Act Emergency Financial Aid Grant to Students

Introduction

On March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), which provides emergency relief funds to organizations and individuals affected by the coronavirus pandemic, was signed into law. The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF), found in Section 18004(c) of the CARES Act, provides funding to institutions of higher education to assist students with expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus. These expenses include food, housing, course materials, technology, health care and child care.

Acknowledgment of Funding and Certification

Flagler College signed the Department of Education Certification and Agreement on April 13, 2020 and submitted it on April 16, 2020. The funding was received on May 4, 2020. The College 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.

Total Award

Flagler College will receive a total of \$2,708,794 in funds for the CARES Act. Fifty percent of that total (\$1,354,397) will be distributed directly to students as Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

Funds Distributed to Students

Each eligible Flagler College student received \$557.83. All funds were disbursed to eligible students by June 1, 2020.

Student Eligibility

The estimated total number of students at the College 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 2,428.

Student Awards Made

Awards of \$557.83 have been made to all 2,428 eligible students.

Methodology Used to Determine Distribution

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 was to determine eligible students by their enrollment information and their eligibility to participate in the programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

The College is addressing immediate emergency student financial needs through the establishment of a Student Emergency Fund that is funded by the College. The College has already distributed funds to the neediest students through this fund and continues to provide this

service. The Students must demonstrate need by providing a written request for funding. A committee determines the amount of funding and approved by the President of the college.

Students who receive the emergency grants will be instructed that the funds are to be used only for their expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child-care expenses.

Instructions to Students – Can we link to the FAQ with the information sent to students?

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act that Congress approved includes the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund. This fund provides emergency assistance in the form of financial grants for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the COVID-19 crisis. These funds are not financial aid and will not be considered toward your cost of attendance or applied to any current balance on your account.

Flagler College is distributing CARES Funds to all eligible students as a one-time lump-sum payment of \$557.83. You have been identified as an eligible recipient for these funds. The funds must be used for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to Coronavirus, including food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child-care expenses. If you have not already incurred or will not incur expenses of at least \$557.83 before the end of the calendar year, please contact Student Accounts at studentaccounts@flagler.edu or (904) 819-6230, for additional guidance.

These funds will be distributed by the Business Office, beginning the week of May 18th, according to the refund preference you have specified in your CASHnet account. If you provided banking information for direct deposit, the payment should appear in your account within 2-3 business days of the refund issuance. If you have not set-up an E-Refund preference, the funds will be disbursed by paper check to your permanent mailing address. Payments are processed more quickly through e-Refund, so students are encouraged to elect and provide their banking information for direct deposit, by logging into CASHnet and completing the required steps. CASHnet may be accessed by following the instructions on the My Flagler home page under "Campus Announcements" and the "Payment Information" heading. Follow the link: My Flagler

Please contact Student Accounts with any questions or for further assistance, studentaccounts@flagler.edu. We hope these funds will provide some additional support during this challenging period