

CARES ACT REPORTING ON EMERGENCY FINANCIAL AID GRANTS TO STUDENTS

On 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 under student's cost of attendance, 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 the period, June 24, 2020, to July 24, 2020.

- I. 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.
- II. The total amount of funds that the institution has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Student is \$7,334.00.
- III. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of July 20, 2020, is \$7334.00.
- IV. 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 16.
- V. 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 16.
- VI. 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.

PROVIDE DESCRIPTION:

Our studios closed March 16, 2020 due to COVID-19 resulting suspension of in-person instruction. Funds in the amount of \$6,120 were distributed to all eligible students for art supplies the students needed to continue online classes. The remainder of the HEERF Student fund awards totaling \$1,215 were allocated on a percentage basis of eligible expenses to those students who responded with specific requests. Payments were mailed to the students on July 20, 2020.

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

PROVIDE DESCRIPTION:

Eligible Students were provided with "Requests for Emergency Financial Aid Funds" forms and student instructions to receive COVID emergency funds via e-mail on April 27, 2020. A second notification with the same forms and instructions was sent May 18, 2020. Follow-up phone calls to all eligible students were conducted on June 15, 2020, with a request to have all forms return by July 1, 2020.