

**Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) Reporting:
Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students
University of Wisconsin Oshkosh 30-Day Fund Report**

Overview:

Section 18004(e) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act” or the “Act”), Pub. L. No. 116-136, 134 Stat. 281 (March 27, 2020), directs institutions receiving funds under Section 18004 of the Act to submit (in a time and manner required by the Secretary) a report to the Secretary describing the use of funds distributed from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (“HEERF”).

On May 6, 2020, the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education posted their reporting requirements for HEERF participating institutions.

Each HEERF participating institution is responsible for providing this information in report format (the “30-day Fund Report”). In addition, these participating institutions are required to post the information listed below on the institution’s primary website. Accordingly, the following information will be easily accessible to the public and made available 30 days after the date when the institution received its allocation under 18004(a)(1) and updated every 45 days thereafter.

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh hereby addresses questions for the “30-day Fund Report”:

1. An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that 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.

***UWO Response:** UW Oshkosh completed and submitted the Funding Certification Agreement on Friday, April 10, 2020. A team was established in order to deliver 50% of the funding to students impacted by the COVID - 19 pandemic.*

2. 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 Students.

***UWO Response:** UW Oshkosh received \$3,103,881 in funding to be distributed among its applicants.*

3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the 30-day Report and every 45 days thereafter).

UWO Response: No funding has been given to students at the initial 30-day reporting period.

4. The estimated total number of students at the 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.

UWO Response: We anticipate several thousand students to participate in the program.

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.

UWO Response: At this time, no students have been awarded an emergency Financial Aid Grant from the CARES Act.

6. 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.

UWO Response: We are using an application process for students to apply for the funding. Students have a ten day window to submit their application before we begin the process of determining their eligibility for the funding. Students will receive anywhere from a few hundred dollars or more depending on the specific needs they list and the amount of funding they are requesting through the application process. Our goal is to begin awarding the funding as soon as possible after the close of the application period.

7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

UWO Response: We have sent several emails to students to encourage them to apply for the CARES Grant funding. The instructions are straight forward and students are able to access the application from multiple websites. Also, we are reaching out to parents via email with the hope that they will encourage their students to apply for the funding. There is a website for students to ask questions if they have any concerns or questions about the process. We are monitoring this site and responding as soon as possible.