

Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students Fund Reporting

On March 27, 2020, the President of the United States signed the CARES Act (H.R. 748), which provides emergency relief funds to organizations and individuals affected by the coronavirus pandemic. The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF), found in Section 18004 of the CARES Act, provides funding to institutions of higher education “to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.”

This report provides details on the first award Western Illinois University received under the HEERF, the funds for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Award No. P425E200622.

CERTIFICATION

Western Illinois University signed and returned to the US Department of Education the Certification and Agreement on April 13, 2020. On April 28, 2020 WIU received notification of grant funding from the Department of Education. WIU 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. Western Illinois University will receive a total of \$7,997,09

- 1) A US Citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- 2) Be enrolled for the term in which funds are being requested.
- 3) Admitted into a degree program.
- 4) Meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress
(wiu.edu/student_services/financial_aid/appeal/index.php)

Notification to students not eligible for emergency aid:

Western Illinois University has reviewed your request for emergency aid. To be eligible for emergency aid students must be US Citizens or eligible non-citizens. During review of your application we determined you were not eligible for an emergency grant funded through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund.

If you are experiencing hardship and need emergency assistance the State of Illinois has provided a guide to economic resources online at coronavirus.illinois.gov.

If you have questions or concerns regarding your application for emergency aid please email financial-aid@wiu.edu.

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