

## **Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Report – Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students**

### **Quarters Ending 09/30/2021**

**United Education Institute (OPE ID: 025593)** received education stabilization funds under Section 18004(a)(1) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”), Public Law No: 116-136. This Fund Report applies to the student portion received under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund that is designated exclusively for emergency financial aid grants to students.

The institution appreciates that Congress and the President have made these critical funds available for eligible students who have expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus pandemic. We take receipt of these federal funds seriously and are distributing them in accordance with the CARES Act and implementing guidance.

The institution is making the below information available for transparency purposes and in compliance with the U.S. Department of Education’s (“Department”) Electronic Announcement of May 6, 2020.<sup>1</sup> For questions or concerns regarding this Fund Report, please contact Darcy Schnuth, Senior Director, Records Management and Fiscal Operations, at [caresact@ieccolleges.com](mailto:caresact@ieccolleges.com).

1. The institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students. 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.
  - The institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurances that the institution has used the applicable amount of funds designated under the CRRSAA and ARP (a) (1) and (a) (4) programs to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
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 is **\$7,496,491**.
  - 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 under CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs is **\$12,986,544**.
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 this Fund Report is **\$7,496,491**.
  - The total amount of emergency financial aid grants distributed to students under the CRRSAA and ARP Section (a) (1) and (a) (4) programs as of the date of submission is **\$7,358,496.56**.

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<sup>1</sup> See: <https://ifap.ed.gov/electronic-announcements/050620HigherEdEmergencyReliefFundRptg>

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 under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, as of the date of this Fund Report is **8813**.
  - The estimated total number of students at the institution eligible to receive emergency financial aid grant funds to Students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs is **3877**.
5. The total number of students who have received an emergency financial aid grant under Section 18004(a) (1) of the CARES Act as of the date of this Fund Report is **8813**.
  - The total number of students who have received an emergency financial aid grant funds to students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a) (1) and (a) (4) programs is **3877**.
6. The methods 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 are provided at **Attachment A**.
  - The methods used by the institution to determine which students receive emergency financial aid grants and how much they would receive under the CRRSAA and ARP (a) (1) and (a) (4) programs are provided at **Attachment A**.
7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the emergency financial aid grants are provided at **Attachment B**.
  - Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the emergency financial aid grants under the CRRSAA and ARP (a) (1) and (a) (4) programs are provided at **Attachment B**.

## Attachment A

**Effective April 2020-** The institution determined the population of students and the amount of each student grant utilizing a formula based on the Department of Education guidance. The institution determined that all active students (excluding students on externship or a leave of absence) had expenses related to the disruptions of campus operations and were considered for emergency grant funds from the CARES Act. In addition, based on Department of Education requirements, this population only included those active students who were eligible to receive Title IV funding. To ensure that the emergency grant funds were distributed widely to as many impacted students as possible, the institution made a decision to distribute \$250 per month to all eligible students until the CARES emergency grant fund allocation runs out.

**Effective February 2021-** The method used by the institution to determine the population of students and the amount of each student grant was revised to first determine the population of students with exceptional need based on the student's completion of a 2020-21 FAFSA and receipt of an ISIR with a valid EFC. Students with a zero EFC were in the first selection group and if funds still remained, the funds would be awarded to students with the next lowest EFCs and so on until the funds were fully expended. From the pool of exceptionally needy students, the institution first considered students for the CRRSAA award who met the following criteria:

- Have attempted the first module.
- Be actively enrolled and not on any type of leave of absence or Intent to Return
- Submit a signed Authorization Form directing the institution on how to apply the CRRSAA grant- either to be used to pay outstanding tuition charges or paid to the student to cover allowable components of their cost of attendance or other emergency expenses.

From the pool of eligible exceptional needy students, students who have been in school the longest have incurred the highest costs related to their attendance so the amount of the CRRSAA award will be determined as follows:

OPEID	023058	031133	025593	039696
Mods Attempted	Amount Awarded	Amount Awarded	Amount Awarded	Amount Awarded
Mod 1	500	500	350	350
Mod 2	1000	1000	700	700
Mod 3	1500	1500	1050	1050
Mod 4	2000	2000	1400	1400
Mod 5	2500	2500	1750	1750
Mod 6	3000	3000	2100	2100
Mod 7	3500	3500	2450	2450
Extern	4000	4000	2800	2800

The maximum amount awarded to an individual student must not exceed \$4000 or \$2800, depending on the institution the student attended.

**Effective March 2021-** The method used by the institution to determine the population of students and the amount of each student grant was revised to award the CRRSAA funds to the incoming March class start for students with exceptional need based on the existing criteria. The amount of the award was revised for this population to the amounts outlined below:

OPEID	Amount Awarded
025593	\$2300
039696	\$1500
031133	\$4000
023058	\$2700

**Effective April 2021-** The method used by the institution to determine the population of students and the amount of each student grant was revised to award the CRRSAA funds to the incoming April class start for students with exceptional need based on the existing criteria. The amount of the award was revised for this population based on the amount of the remaining allocation to the amounts outlined below to ensure the funds were distributed to the maximum benefit to students with exceptional need:

OPEID	Amount Awarded
025593	\$3000
039696	\$2000
031133	\$4500
023058	\$4000

The policy was also expanded effective April 2021 to include the pool of students who were actively enrolled and incurred allowable charges/ expenses on or after March 13, 2020 and who demonstrated exceptional need based on the existing criteria. Eligible students in this pool were awarded \$4000 to help cover any component of the recipient's cost of attendance and to ensure the funds were distributed to the maximum benefit to students with exceptional need.

## **Attachment B**

All students receiving CARES Act emergency grant funds were provided with an acknowledgement stating how the grant funds must be used and stated the following: I understand that these funds and all future funds I receive and made available to me by the Department of Education are to be used for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus (including eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care).

### **Effective February 2021**

All students receiving CARES Act emergency grant funds were provided with an acknowledgement form stating how the grant funds must be used and stated that they could be used by the student to cover direct costs such as tuition, food, housing, health care or child care.