Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) Reporting

Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students

The following information is provided to comply with the Department of Education's CARES Act Reporting requirements. This information is limited to CARES Act funding and does not include grant programs utilizing institutional funds.

Reporting as of: May 27, 2020

Edinboro University submitted a Funding Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to the Department of Education in April 2020. Pursuant to this agreement, the University assures that no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(A)(1) of the CARES Act are being used to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

The University was allocated $2,090,834 from the U.S. Department of Education pursuant to the Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

The University distributed $1,934,600 of Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of May 27, 2020. The University will report updates to the amount of emergency funds distributed at least every 45 days thereafter, as awarding continues.

There are 2,445 eligible students at the institution who may participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section 18004(a)(a) of the CARES Act. Edinboro University used the following method to determine eligibility and amounts distributed:

- Students enrolled in the Spring 2020 semester;
- Students who have a 2019-2020 FAFSA on file; and;
- Students who meet all Title IV requirements for Federal Student Aid.

All eligible students experienced some form of disruption of learning and financial hardship without regard to financial need; however, the University recognized that undergraduate students with financial need should receive a slightly higher distribution. Therefore, the distribution was $800 for undergraduate students with financial need and $750 to graduate level students and undergraduate students without financial need.

The plan is to distribute the remaining $156,243 to additional students identified after the initial distribution using the same method of qualification and amounts. Any outstanding balance will then be distributed no later than August 1, 2020 to all spring 2020 enrolled students who met the original funding criteria.
Edinboro University also established an application process for students to request funds 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 under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. The Emergency Grant Form is available to all Title IV eligible students. Additional award amounts are determined by Edinboro University based upon an individualized review of the student emergency grant application in accordance with guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Education.

The University President emailed application instructions to students on April 17, 2020, with further guidance via a second email on May 12, 2020. The second email was sent to eligible and non-eligible groups of students with guidance on requesting additional funds, if needed.