

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Reporting

Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

UPDATED 1/8/2021

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”). Section 18004(c) of the CARES Act requires institutions to use no less than 50 percent of the funds received from Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students 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). On April 9, 2020, the Department published documents related to the Emergency Financial Aid Grants, including a [letter](#) from Secretary Betsy DeVos, a form [Certification and Agreement](#) for signing and returning by institutions to access the funds, and a list of [institutional allocations under 18004\(a\)\(1\)](#).

The Certification and Agreement directs each institution applying for HEERF funds to comply with Section 18004(e) of the CARES Act and submit an initial report (the “30-day Fund Report”) to the Secretary thirty (30) days from the date of the institution’s Certification and Agreement to the Department. The Department will provide instructions for providing the required information to the Secretary in the near future. In the meantime, each HEERF participating institution must post the information listed below on the institution’s primary website. The Department would like to receive the most current information from the date when the institution received its allocation for emergency financial aid grants to students, and the institution should have received its allocation within a few days after submitting the Certification and Agreement. Accordingly, the following information must appear in a format and location that is easily accessible to the public 30 days after the date when the institution received its allocation under 18004(a)(1) and updated every 45 days thereafter:

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.

Response: UCAS University of Cosmetology Arts & Sciences signed and returned the Certification and Agreement to the Department of Education on April 16, 2020 in application of emergency funds for students. The institution has used, or intends to use, at least fifty percent of all funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide emergency financial aid grants to our students, prior to the deadline to disburse funds within 1-year of the certification and agreement submission.

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.

Response: UCAS University of Cosmetology Arts & Sciences received its “advanced funds” distribution on Friday, May 29th, 2020 on the following matter:

- McAllen, Harlingen & La Joya: \$ 380,305.00
- San Antonio – 410: \$ 53,310.00
- San Antonio – Pica: \$ 68,132.00

These funds represent the Department of Education’s allocation to the College of emergency financial aid grants to students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

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).

Response: As of June 1, 2020, UCAS University of Cosmetology Arts & Sciences received has distributed:

- \$ 308,305.00 for McAllen, Harlingen, & La Joya
- \$ 53,310.00 for San Antonio – 410

- \$ 68,132.00 for San Antonio - Pica

in Emergency Financial Aid Grants directly to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

4. The estimated total number of students at the institution who are or could be 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.

Response: UCAS University of Cosmetology Arts & Sciences generate a list of students that were eligible to participate in the programs under 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act 1965 and therefore eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section 18004(a)(i) of the CARES Act.

- 257 students for McAllen, Harlingen, La Joya
- 25 students for San Antonio – 410
- 62 students for San Antonio – Pica

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.

Response: UCAS University of Cosmetology Arts & Sciences has disbursed Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, to:

- 257 students for McAllen, Harlingen, La Joya
- 25 students for San Antonio – 410
- 62 students for San Antonio – Pica
-

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.

Response: UCAS University of Cosmetology Arts & Sciences provided to the students A CARES ACT Acknowledgement form that the student were required to submit requesting funding for, housing, food, course material, technology cost, health care, child care and other expenses. UCAS assist the students with Grant fund disbursement in equal amounts on the following matter:

- McAllen, Harlingen & La Joya: equal amounts of: \$ 1,479.79 between 154 students & equal amounts of: \$ 1,479.78 between 103 students.
- San Antonio – 410: \$ 2,132.40 between 25 students.
- San Antonio – Pica: equal amounts of: \$ 1,098.91 between 20 students & equal amounts of: \$ 1,098.90 between 22 students.

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

Response: UCAS University of Cosmetology Arts & Sciences provided to guidance and instructions to the students to submit and complete the CARES act Acknowledgment form. The eligibility for the Grant Funds is to **have a FAFSA on file with the Office of Financial Aid or be eligible to file a FAFSA.** Only students who are or could be eligible to participate in the federal student aid programs may receive emergency financial aid grants

Students were notified that they would be receiving these emergency Grant Funds three days prior to June 1, 2020, and that the grants would not need to be paid back. Students were strongly encouraged to use these funds directly to help offset the unexpected supplemental costs each incurred related to coronavirus disruption