



Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Reporting

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FINAL REPORT

The CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)-IHE/Student Aid offers funding to institutions to provide emergency financial aid grants to students to cover expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus. Institutions have the responsibility of determining how grants will be distributed to students, how the amount of each student grant is calculated, and the development of any instructions or directions that are provided to students about the grant. More information about the CARES Act and HEERF can be found [here](#).

On April 17, 2020, Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine (WMed) signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants under the CARES Act. WMed received confirmation and acceptance of the document on May 7, 2020. WMed's allocation of funding received through the CARES Act is \$78,563. WMed will use no less than 50% of the funds (\$39,282) received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants directly to students. As of October 16, 2020, WMed has disbursed \$34,481 to students.

WMed students were notified about the availability of these Emergency Financial Aid Grants and the application process for the funds via email notifications, Student Weekly Communications, the Student Portal and forums. Students had to complete the [CARES Act Request Form](#), and submit it to the Office of Financial Aid (OFA) at FinancialAid@med.wmich.edu along with supporting documentation. The application is listed as Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act under the Forms section of the Student Portal. The application provided instructions that the student must have filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or be eligible to file.

Eligibility for the Emergency Financial Aid Grant for WMed students is based on financial issues related to the disruption of campus operations, such as additional technology equipment, educational aids, and home office equipment. Completed applications are reviewed by the OFA for accuracy, verification of Title IV eligibility and if it meets the guidelines of the HEERF grant funds.

Due to the increase of requests and ongoing disruptions, the OFA developed the following guidelines setting limits for the Financial Aid Grant Amounts on August 12, 2020 in an effort to assist as many students as possible. No Grant will exceed the maximum Pell Grant.

- Education aids up to \$250
- Home office equipment up to \$200
- Technology equipment up to \$300
- Internet service up to \$150
- Residency Interview tools up to \$120

Each student's situation is evaluated individually based on the information provided in the student's application. WMed maintains the flexibility to increase or decrease the amount per eligible expense to each student on a case-by-case basis. Approved requests are submitted for payment through the medical school's student information system.

Academic Year 2020-2021

The current estimated number of students eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, and therefore eligible to receive an emergency financial aid grant is approximately 314. As of November 9, 2020, WMed has issued \$34,345 Emergency Financial Aid Grants directly to ninety-six students, based on the approved applications.

Academic Year 2019-20

The estimated number of students that were eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, and therefore eligible to receive an emergency financial aid grant was approximately 295. As of October 12, 2020, WMed issued \$4,937 Emergency Financial Aid Grants directly to twelve students, based on the approved applications for the 2019-20 academic year.



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WMed signed and submitted the Certificate and Agreement of Funds document to the Department of Education on April 17, 2020 agreeing to provide the mandated amount of at least 50% of the emergency financial aid grant funding to students. WMed received confirmation and acceptance of the document on May 7, 2020.

The total amount of funds WMed can receive under the HEERF student portion is \$39,282. As of July 14, 2020, WMed has disbursed \$10,859.

The estimated number of students eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, and therefore eligible to receive an emergency financial aid grant is approximately 268. The estimated total number of students that may be eligible to receive an emergency financial aid grant, but who have not been verified as being eligible to participate in Title IV is 328. As of July 13, 2020, 30 students have received an emergency financial aid grant.

Students who have additional cost of attendance related expenses due to the disruption of campus operations beginning on March 16, 2020, may apply for the grant. WMed students were notified about the availability of these Emergency Financial Aid Grants and the application process for the funds via email notifications, Student Weekly Communications, student portal and forums. Students can apply for the grant by downloading the [CARES Act Request Form](#), complete it, and send it to the office of Financial Aid at FinancialAid@med.wmich.edu along with any supporting documentation. More information about the CARES Act and HEERF can be found [here](#).

WMed will review all completed applications for accuracy and verification of Title IV eligibility. The office of Financial Aid will determine if the request meets the guidelines of the HEERF grant funds. Each student's situation is evaluated individually based on the information provided in the student's application. The maximum amount of the grant fund per student, shall not exceed the amount of a full Pell Grant, or \$6,195. Anticipated actual awards will be much lower than \$6,195, in order to assist as many students as possible. Approved requests will be submitted for payment through the medical school's student information system.



Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Reporting

Revised October 16, 2020

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WMed students were notified about the availability of these Emergency Financial Aid Grants and the application process for the funds via email notifications, Student Weekly Communications, the Student Portal and forums. Students had to complete the [CARES Act Request Form](#), and submit it to the Office of Financial Aid (OFA) at FinancialAid@med.wmich.edu along with supporting documentation. The application is listed as Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act under the Forms section of the Student Portal. The application provided instructions that the student must have filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or be eligible to file.

Eligibility for the Emergency Financial Aid Grant for WMed students is based on financial issues related to the disruption of campus operations, such as additional technology equipment, educational aids, and home office equipment. Completed applications are reviewed by the OFA for accuracy, verification of Title IV eligibility and if it meets the guidelines of the HEERF grant funds.

Due to the increase of requests and ongoing disruptions, the OFA developed the following guidelines setting limits for the Financial Aid Grant Amounts on August 12, 2020 in an effort to assist as many students as possible. No Grant will exceed the maximum Pell Grant.

- Education aids up to \$250
- Home office equipment up to \$200
- Technology equipment up to \$300
- Internet service up to \$150
- Residency Interview tools up to \$120

Each student's situation is evaluated individually based on the information provided in the student's application. WMed maintains the flexibility to increase or decrease the amount per eligible expense to each student on a case-by-case basis. Approved requests are submitted for payment through the medical school's student information system.

Academic Year 2020-2021

The current estimated number of students eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, and therefore eligible to receive an emergency financial aid grant is approximately 314. As of October 12, 2020, WMed has issued \$29,544 Emergency Financial Aid Grants directly to seventy-nine students, based on the approved applications.

Academic Year 2019-20

The estimated number of students that were eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, and therefore eligible to receive an emergency financial aid grant was approximately 295. As of October 12, 2020, WMed issued \$4,937 Emergency Financial Aid Grants directly to twelve students, based on the approved applications for the 2019-20 academic year.



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WMed signed and submitted the Certificate and Agreement of Funds document to the Department of Education on April 17, 2020 agreeing to provide the mandated amount of at least 50% of the emergency financial aid grant funding to students. WMed received confirmation and acceptance of the document on May 7, 2020.

The total amount of funds WMed can receive under the HEERF student portion is \$39,282. As of September 30, 2020, WMed has received and disbursed \$31,259.

The current estimated number of students eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, and therefore eligible to receive an emergency financial aid grant is approximately 313. As of September 30, 2020, eighty-four students have received an emergency financial aid grant.

Enrolled students who have additional cost of attendance related expenses due to the disruption of campus operations beginning on March 16, 2020, may apply for the grant. WMed students were notified about the availability of these Emergency Financial Aid Grants and the application process for the funds via email notifications, Student Weekly Communications, student portal and forums. Students can apply for the grant by completing the [CARES Act Request Form](#), and submitting it to the office of Financial Aid at FinancialAid@med.wmich.edu along with any supporting documentation. More information about the CARES Act and HEERF can be found [here](#).

WMed will review all completed applications for accuracy and verification of Title IV eligibility. The office of Financial Aid will determine if the request meets the guidelines of the HEERF grant funds. Each student's situation is evaluated individually based on the information provided in the student's application. The maximum amount of the grant fund per student, shall not exceed the amount of a full Pell Grant of \$6,195. Actual awards are significantly lower with small limits placed on items, such as technology equipment, home office, educational aids, or Internet, in an effort to assist as many students as possible. Approved requests will be submitted for payment through the medical school's student information system.



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WMed signed and submitted the Certificate and Agreement of Funds document to the Department of Education on April 17, 2020 agreeing to provide the mandated amount of at least 50% of the emergency financial aid grant funding to students. WMed received confirmation and acceptance of the document on May 7, 2020.

The total amount of funds WMed can receive under the HEERF student portion is \$39,282. As of September 01, 2020, WMed has received and disbursed \$21,803.

The current estimated number of students eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, and therefore eligible to receive an emergency financial aid grant is approximately 313. As of September 01, 2020, sixty-one students have received an emergency financial aid grant.

Enrolled students who have additional cost of attendance related expenses due to the disruption of campus operations beginning on March 16, 2020, may apply for the grant. WMed students were notified about the availability of these Emergency Financial Aid Grants and the application process for the funds via email notifications, Student Weekly Communications, student portal and forums. Students can apply for the grant by completing the [CARES Act Request Form](#), and submitting it to the office of Financial Aid at FinancialAid@med.wmich.edu along with any supporting documentation. More information about the CARES Act and HEERF can be found [here](#).

WMed will review all completed applications for accuracy and verification of Title IV eligibility. The office of Financial Aid will determine if the request meets the guidelines of the HEERF grant funds. Each student's situation is evaluated individually based on the information provided in the student's application. The maximum amount of the grant fund per student, shall not exceed the amount of a full Pell Grant of \$6,195. Actual awards are significantly lower than \$6,195 with limits placed on items, such as technology equipment, home office, or Internet in order to assist as many students as possible. Approved requests will be submitted for payment through the medical school's student information system.



Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Reporting

Revised August 12, 2020

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WMed signed and submitted the Certificate and Agreement of Funds document to the Department of Education on April 17, 2020 agreeing to provide the mandated amount of at least 50% of the emergency financial aid grant funding to students. WMed received confirmation and acceptance of the document on May 7, 2020.

The total amount of funds WMed can receive under the HEERF student portion is \$39,282. As of August 12 2020, WMed has disbursed \$10,859.

The estimated number of students eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, and therefore eligible to receive an emergency financial aid grant is approximately 315. The estimated total number of enrolled students is 344. As of August 12, 2020, thirty students have received an emergency financial aid grant.

Enrolled students who have additional cost of attendance related expenses due to the disruption of campus operations beginning on March 16, 2020, may apply for the grant. WMed students were notified about the availability of these Emergency Financial Aid Grants and the application process for the funds via email notifications, Student Weekly Communications, student portal and forums. Students can apply for the grant by completing the [CARES Act Request Form](#), and submitting it to the office of Financial Aid at FinancialAid@med.wmich.edu along with any supporting documentation. More information about the CARES Act and HEERF can be found [here](#).

WMed will review all completed applications for accuracy and verification of Title IV eligibility. The office of Financial Aid will determine if the request meets the guidelines of the HEERF grant funds. Each student's situation is evaluated individually based on the information provided in the student's application. The maximum amount of the grant fund per student, shall not exceed the amount of a full Pell Grant of \$6,195. Anticipated actual awards will be significantly lower than \$6,195, in order to assist as many students as possible. Approved requests will be submitted for payment through the medical school's student information system.



Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act

Revised June 13, 2020

The CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)-IHE/Student Aid offers funding to institutions to provide emergency financial aid grants to students to cover expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus. Institutions have the responsibility of determining how grants will be distributed to students, how the amount of each student grant is calculated, and the development of any instructions or directions that are provided to students about the grant.

WMed signed and submitted the Certificate and Agreement of Funds document on April 17, 2020 agreeing to provide the mandated amount of at least 50% of the emergency financial aid grant funding to students. WMed received confirmation and acceptance of the document on May 7, 2020.

The total amount of funds WMed can receive under the HEERF student portion is \$39,282. As of June 3, 2020, WMed has disbursed \$3,206.

The estimated number of students eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, and therefore eligible to receive an emergency financial aid grant is 268. The estimated total number of students that may be eligible to receive an emergency financial aid grant, but who have not been verified as being eligible to participate in Title IV is 328. As of June 3, 2020, 11 students have received an emergency financial aid grant.

Students who have additional cost of attendance related expenses due to the disruption of campus operations during the period of March 16, 2020 until the end of their 2019-20 academic year may apply for the grant. Students should download the [CARES Act Request Form](#), complete it, and send it to the office of Financial Aid at FinancialAid@med.wmich.edu along with any supporting documentation. More information about the CARES Act and HEERF can be found [here](#).

WMed will review all completed applications for accuracy and verification of Title IV eligibility. The office of Financial Aid will determine if the request meets the guidelines of the HEERF grant funds. The maximum amount of the grant fund per student, shall not exceed the amount of a full Pell Grant, or \$6,195. Anticipated actual awards will be much lower than \$6,195, in order to assist as many students as possible. Approved requests will be submitted for payment through the medical school's student information system.



Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act

May 08, 2020

The CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)-IHE/Student Aid offers funding to institutions to provide emergency financial aid grants to students to cover expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus. Institutions have the responsibility of determining how grants will be distributed to students, how the amount of each student grant is calculated, and the development of any instructions or directions that are provided to students about the grant.

WMed signed and submitted the Certificate and Agreement of Funds document on April 17, 2020 agreeing to provide the mandated amount of at least 50% of the emergency financial aid grant funding to students. WMed received confirmation and acceptance of the document on May 7, 2020.

The total amount of funds WMed can receive under the HEERF student portion is \$39,282. As of May 8, 2020, WMed has not received nor distributed any funds to students.

The estimated number of students eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, and therefore eligible to receive an emergency financial aid grant is 268. The estimated total number of students that may be eligible to receive an emergency financial aid grant, but who have not been verified as being eligible to participate in Title IV is 328. No students have received an emergency financial aid grant as of May 8, 2020.

Students who have additional cost of attendance related expenses due to the disruption of campus operations during the period of March 16, 2020 until the end of their 2019-20 academic year may apply for the grant. Students should download the [CARES Act Request Form](#), complete it, and send it to the office of Financial Aid at FinancialAid@med.wmich.edu along with any supporting documentation. More information about the CARES Act and HEERF can be found [here](#).

WMed will review all completed applications for accuracy and verification of Title IV eligibility. The office of Financial Aid will determine if the request meets the guidelines of the HEERF grant funds. The maximum amount of the grant fund per student, shall not exceed the amount of a full Pell Grant, or \$6,195. Anticipated actual awards will be much lower than \$6,195, in order to assist as many students as possible. Approved requests will be submitted for payment through the medical school's payment system, requiring the student to approve the payment request.