

CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) July 7, 2020 Report

 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:

Wabash College has signed and returned the *Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Reporting* - *Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students* 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.

- **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 **\$405,462**.
- 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).
 A first round of grants for Emergency Financial Aid Grants in the amount of \$131,250, have been distributed to 175 students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act (HEERF).
- **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 to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is: **715**
- 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:
 Wabash has distributed the first batch of Emergency Financial Aid Grants to 175 students as of June 22, 2020.
- 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: Wabash's Institutional Researcher provided the data needed for student Federal Pell Grant recipients and other students who also met the eligibility requirements. Two separate emails were sent in early June by Dr. Scott E. Feller, Dean of the College and President-Elect, (now President Feller). The first email went to our Federal Pell Grant Recipients. The second email from Dr. Feller was sent to the students who are not Pell Grant recipients, but meet the eligibility requirements for the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.
- Students who received the CARES Act funding were sent the following: See Attachment 1 for Email #1 sent to Federal Pell Grant Recipients and 175 students have received Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

For more information on COVID-19 go to www.wabash.edu/covid

June XX, 2020

Dear PREFERRED NAME OF STUDENT,

All of us at Wabash College know what a difficult and disruptive time you are going through. We know how hard you have worked to become a Wabash man and how shocking it was when we had to suspend residential learning at the College in March.

I'm reaching out today to offer some assistance as you prepare to return to Wabash in August. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act includes a Higher Education Relief Fund (HEERF), which provides emergency grants to students for **expenses related to the disruption of campus operations as a result of the coronavirus**. Examples of expenses include food, housing, transportation, course materials, technology, and office supplies.

We have determined that you are eligible to receive an automatic HEERF payment of \$750. These funds are a reimbursement for eligible expenses you incurred during the Spring 2020 semester. If your expenses exceeded \$750, you may apply for additional HEERF funds here.

The automatic funds will be disbursed via direct deposit within the next week or two. If you have not already signed up for direct deposit, please log in to your Wabash Self-Service account to sign up for direct deposit. We will review applications for additional HEERF as they are received and notify you if you qualify.

Please contact the <u>Cathy VanArsdall</u> in the Business Office or <u>Alex DeLonis</u> in the Financial Aid Office if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Scott E. Feller Dean of the College President-Elect