CARES Act: Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF)
Section 18004(a)(1) Student Portion
As of September 30, 2020 - FINAL

1. Acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned the certification form that the institution has used, or intends to use, the funds provide the mandated amount of at least 50% of the emergency CARES funds to students

2. The total amount of funds that the institution will receive, or has received under the HEERF student portion

3. Of those funds, the total amount that has been distributed to students as of the date of reporting

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 therefore eligible to receive an emergency financial aid grant

5. The total number of students who have received an emergency financial aid grant

6. How the institution determined which students did, or will receive emergency financial aid grants and how much funding they did, or will receive

7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the emergency financial aid grants

The "Recipient’s Funding Certification and Agreement Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act" document was signed and dated by now Schoolcraft President, Dr. Glenn Cerny, Ed.D on April 10, 2020

$2,338,413.00

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3,936.00

3,514.00

The U. S. Department of Education has stipulated that students must meet Title IV funding eligibility, which is determined by completing a FAFSA in order to receive a distribution from the CARES Act funding. In addition, students must meet the following qualifications: 1) Have a valid social security number, 2) Must have established U.S. Citizenship status, 3) Males between the ages of 18-26 must have registered for the U.S. Selective Service, 4) Have a high school diploma, GED, or completion of high school in an approved homeschool setting, and 5) Meet Satisfactory Academic Progress standards (SAP). College leadership reviewed various options for distributing these funds to students and came to the conclusion that all students have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and have incurred unexpected expenses related to the disruption of campus operations. We have created a fair and equitable plan to distribute these funds to all students who have filed a FAFSA and meet Title IV eligibility and those we have determined would meet Title IV eligibility.

The formula used to calculate the allocation for each college was partly based on the number of Pell and non-Pell recipients. Because of that we were able to determine how many eligible students who completed a FAFSA application and were awarded Title IV aid along with those who were eligible for Title IV aid but not Pell Grant eligible. The College also allocated these funds based on the students' enrollment status (full-time, three-quarter time, part-time, and less than part-time) while also reviewing the CARES student allocation requirements from the Department of Education.

An initial email to students about CARES Act funding containing relevant information about the funds was sent on May 5, 2020. After the initial round of awarding, which covered approximately 95% of our allotment, we informed all of the remaining eligible students about the CARES Act funding application through the Hinkle Center, which is a compassionate, inclusive environment at the College that provides advocacy and resources for the campus, helping to assist students in experiencing an empowered life through our programs and resources.