

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: September 18, 2020

Polaris Career Center 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, Polaris Career Center 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.

Polaris Career Center was allocated \$115,723 from the U.S. Department of Education pursuant to the Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a) (1) of the CARES Act as of September 18, 2020 is \$115,722.96. Polaris Career Center will report updates at least every 45 days, as awarding emergency funds continues.

The 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)(a) of the CARES Act is 178.

The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a) (1) of the CARES Act is 89. Polaris Career Center continues to award emergency funds.

Polaris Career Center has 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 students. Award amounts are determined by Polaris Career Center based upon an individualized review of the student emergency grant application in accordance with guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Education. As of September 18, 2020, the average amount awarded to a student is \$1,300.26.

Polaris Career Center announced the availability of emergency grants in a message sent on May 11, 2020, to all students. Students received follow-up phone calls, emails and text messages to reiterated that message. These student notifications include information that funds may be used for allowable expenses such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care and child care expenses.

Polaris Career Center students can visit the Polaris Career Center [Financial Aid webpage](#) for additional information and specific guidance regarding Emergency Financial Aid Grants, including to review program information, eligibility requirements and directions for applying.