

Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students Fund Reporting (HEERF Act)
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On December 27, 2020, the President of the United States signed the CRRSAA: HEERF II, which provides emergency relief funds to organizations and individuals affected by the coronavirus pandemic. The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF), found in Section 18004 of the CRRSAA Act, provides funding to institutions of higher education “to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus.” This report provides details on the second allocation receive by Olympic College under HEERF, the funds for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students; Award No. P425E200093.

CERTIFICATION

Olympic College signed and returned the Certification and Agreement to the Department of Education on 04/10/2020. Olympic College may use 50% or more of the allocation as outlined in Section 18004(a)(1) of the CRRSAA Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

ALLOCATION

Olympic College is allocated a total of \$5,935,959 under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA, of which a minimum of \$1,564,555 may be disbursed directly to students impacted by campus disruptions due to the Coronavirus, as authorized in the agreement by the Department of Education and pursuant to our Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

FUNDS DISBURSED

Through June 30th, 2021, OC disbursed a total of \$1,501,750 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants under to 1,789 students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CRRSAA Act.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

To date (June 30, 2021) Olympic College identified 1,789 students based on the determined eligibility of exceptional financial need. Effective July 1, 2020, Olympic College executive team opened eligibility to students who may be non-title IV eligible but who are US citizens or eligible non-citizens completing remedial and non-degree coursework.

APPLICATION AND AWARDING CONVENTION

Per CRRSSA we prioritized students of exceptional need by identifying programs that serve our neediest students. We applied automatic awarding spring term to all qualified students who were enrolled in a minimum of 3 credits who participated in or were recipients of the following programs: Pell Grant, Basic Studies, WorkForce, BFET, Worker Retraining, and Running Start

students who qualify for free or reduced lunch. These programs require students to be low-income or unemployed. Students enrolled in 3-5 credits were automatically awarded \$500, students enrolled in 6-11 credits were awarded \$750 and students enrolled in 12+ credits were awarded \$1000.

INSTRUCTIONS/DIRECTIONS GIVEN TO STUDENTS

Instructions, directions, guidance and the application provided to students regarding the Emergency Financial Aid Grants can be found at:

<https://www.olympic.edu/payingcollege/financial-aid/cares-act-higher-education-emergency-relief-fund>