Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

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HEERF I/CARES Act HEERF II/CRRSAA Act HEERF III/ARP

The information reported below meets the reporting requirements under Section 18004(e) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, 2020 (CARES Act), Section 314(e) of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), and Section 2300 (a)(1) of the American Rescue Plan Act, 2021 (ARP).

- Eastern Florida State College (EFSC) acknowledges that the institution has signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement. EFSC used no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act and an equal amount as allocated under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students. EFSC intends to use the applicable amount of funds under ARP (a)(1) to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
- 2. As of September 30, 2021, EFSC has received \$4,408,181 in HEERF I funds, \$4,408,181 in HEERF II funds, and has been awarded \$16,501,540 in HEERF III funds pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students. The total funding is \$\$25,317,902.00.
- 3. EFSC distributed \$16,938,687 to students as of September 30, 2021.

The HEERF I and HEERF II funds were fully expended as of September 30, 2021.

EFSC has distributed \$8,122,325 of the HEERF III funds as of September 30, 2021.

- 4. EFSC estimates that 28,823 students enrolled at EFSC on or after March 13, 2020, the date the national emergency was declared, and thus are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students. This number includes dual-enrolled, continuing education, and non-degree/certificate seeking students under the most recent ARP eligibility criteria.
- 5. As of September 30, 2021, 17,655 students received Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA Act, and Section (a)(1) of the ARP.
- 6. The following methodology was used during the Spring 2020, Summer 2020, and Fall 2020 semesters:

Students were required to submit a FAFSA for EFSC to determine eligibility under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965. Students in the online Bachelor of Nursing program were not eligible for funds. Effective June 17,2020 EFSC made two eligibility restrictions based on the Department of Education's interim final rule: 1) limited eligibility to students in Title IV-eligible programs under Section 481 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and 2) required students whose applications were selected for verification by the Department of Education to complete the verification process to be eligible for CARES funding.

Grants of \$25 per class were disb TJE019A0147JET532a5wl1A9nBT/F1 11.04 TfBT/lad92 0 612 792 reW^{*}h

Grants of \$503.63 were awarded to students for out of pocket expenses for cancelled study abroad trips.

Eligible students could also apply via EFSC's online student portal for grants of up to \$500 per student to assist with expenses due to the disruption of campus operations. Students enrolled in Spring 2020 and Summer 2020 classes could apply from May 2020 through September 2020.