

## West Virginia State University

### CARES ACT Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Reporting

#### Emergency Financial Aid to Students

Statutory Authority: Section 18004 (e) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES ACT), Pub. L. No 116-136, 134 Stat. 281 (March 27, 2020) provided \$825,052 to West Virginia State University that was restricted for distribution of emergency grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus including eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance such as food, housing, utilities, course materials, technology, health care, and child care.

Section 1004(a)(1) requires the following information to be made available in a format and location that is easily accessible to the public within 30 days after the date when the institution received its allocation of funds (April 23, 2020) from the Department of Education. The following information includes all required disclosures:

1. West Virginia State University signed and returned to the Department of Education, the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution would use, no less than 50% (\$825,052) of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
2. West Virginia State University received a total of \$1,650,104 in CARES Act funding pursuant to the Institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students. As required the institution will distribute 50% (\$825,052) directly to students.
3. As of May 23, 2020, West Virginia State University has disbursed a total of \$833,196 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants to eligible students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
4. The total number of students at the institution eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is **1,161 students**.
5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is **1,161 students**.
6. West Virginia State University determined that any student who met the eligibility requirements under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and who were not enrolled in 100% online programs prior to March 27, 2020 were financially impacted by the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus. Eligibility for Section 484 of Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 was determined by requiring all students to complete a 2019-2020 FAFSA and by a review of each student's compliance with Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP). Students who failed to complete a FAFSA or comply with SAP were deemed to be ineligible to receive an Emergency Financial Aid Grant.
  - a. Before any Emergency Financial Aid Grants were distributed, each student's eligibility was confirmed by the Office of Financial Aid.
  - b. The Institution established a separate refund code to track all CARES Act Emergency Financial Aid Grants to ensure that funds were not diverted to pay any balances due to the Institution for unpaid tuition or fees. Once the disbursements were processed, checks were mailed via US mail to students' current mailing address on file.