

Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students Fund Reporting
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On March 11, 2021, the President of the United States signed the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act, 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 ARP 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 \$5,299,153 or more of the allocation as outlined in Section 18004(a)(1) of the ARP Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

ALLOCATION

Olympic College is allocated a total of \$10,407,857 under Section 18004 (a)(1) of the HEERF Round III funding (ARP), of which a minimum of \$5,299,153 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 9/30/2021, OC disbursed a total of \$246,250 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants under HEERF Section 18004(a)(1) of the ARP Act to 300 students.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

To date (September 30, 2021) Olympic College received 300 unduplicated requests for ARP funding, which were deemed eligible under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and have received Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section 18004 (a)(1) of the HEERF ARP Act.

APPLICATION AND AWARDING CONVENTION

Student eligibility is based on an application that details how the coronavirus has impacted the ability to maintain enrollment. The following awarding convention is established based on level of enrollment at the time of application. Amounts below are updated, effective 07/1/2021, start of summer term:

3-5 credits	\$500 maximum award
6-11 credits	\$750 maximum award
12+ credits	\$1000 maximum award

Students must complete the application process. The application is reviewed by the HEERF Act Review Committee for eligibility and approval. Students must explain their needs related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19; for example, food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and childcare expenses. Due to the requirement with CRRSAA of prioritizing those students who have exceptional need, students who identified as or participated in the following programs were awarded first: Pell grant, Basic Studies, WorkForce, BFET, Worker Retraining or Running Start students who qualified for free or reduced lunch. These programs were identified as they are focused on students who are low-income or generally unemployed.

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>