CARES ACT Student Emergency Aid Fund Reporting

1. An acknowledgment that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used, or intends to use, no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

On April 11, 2020, Norfolk State University signed and submitted the Recipient’s Funding Certification and Agreement for the Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to the U.S. Department of Education. April 27, 2020, the University received notification from the Department that our grant application for the CARES Act Fund for the Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students was awarded with notification number P425E200385. The funds were awarded to Norfolk State University via the Department Education’s electronically awarding system, G5. Norfolk State University was awarded $6,901,716 of CARES Act Funding and intends to use at least 50 percent, $3,450,858, to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

2. The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution’s Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

Norfolk State University was awarded $6,901,716 of CARES Act Funding and intends to use at least 50 percent, $3,450,858, to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the 30-day Report and every 45 days thereafter).

The University has distributed $1,490,852 to students meeting the eligibility requirements from the spring 2020 semester. The remaining $1,960,006 will be distributed to returning students during the fall 2020 semester from the spring 2020 eligible list. The fall distribution will be determined once the University has finalized plans for the fall 2020 semester.

4. The estimated 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)(1) of the CARES Act.

There are 4,372 students from the spring 2020 semester eligible under Section 484 who have received the emergency financial aid grant award.
5. **The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.**

The University has distributed $1,490,852 to 4,372 students meeting the eligibility requirements. Each student received $341.

6. **The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.**

Based on the guidance from the U.S. Department of Education, the below factors were used to determine eligibility for distribution of the emergency aid funds to students:

- Funds can only be awarded to students for “expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, healthcare, and childcare expenses.”
- Have a valid 2019-2020 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on file at NSU.
- Students receiving the CARES Act emergency financial aid grant must meet the eligibility criteria in Section 484 of the Title IV Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA). This includes, but is not limited to, the demonstration of the following:
  - Enrolled in a degree program at NSU.
  - High school graduate.
  - Enrolled NSU student making satisfactory academic progress.
  - Not owed a refund on Title IV grants.
  - Not in default on Title IV loan.
  - Certified as part of the original financial aid application process that includes statement of educational purpose and a valid Social Security Number.
  - U.S citizen or national, permanent resident, or other eligible noncitizen.
  - Returned fraudulently obtained Title IV funds if convicted of, pled guilty or no contest to charges.
  - Not fraudulently received Title IV loans in excess of annual or aggregate limits.
  - Repaid Title IV loan amounts in excess of annual or aggregate limits if obtained inadvertently.
  - Selective Service registration verified (the Title IV aid ineligibility for failure to register is actually in the Selective Service Act §3811(f)).
  - No federal or state conviction for drug possession or sale, within certain time limitations.
7. *Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.*

Instructions, directions, and guidance concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants are provided on the [University’s Coronavirus website](https://example.com) under the [NSU Federal CARES Act Student Emergency Aid Fund FAQs](https://example.com).