

HEERF 2020 Q3 Report

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Section 18004(e) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act” or the “Act”), Pub. L. No. 116-136, 134 Stat. 281 (March 27, 2020), directs institutions receiving funds under Section 18004 of the Act to submit (in a time and manner required by the Secretary) a report to the Secretary describing the use of funds distributed from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (“HEERF”).

In compliance with Section 18004(e) of the CARES Act, the following is Lawrence University’s 30-day report:

1. Lawrence University signed and returned to the Department of Education (DOE) the Certification and Agreement on April 14, 2020. By doing so, Lawrence assures that it will 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.
2. Lawrence University received \$578,814 from DOE on April 24, 2020, pursuant to the institution’s Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
3. Lawrence University has distributed \$578,814 to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of October 9, 2020.
4. For the **2019-20** academic year, we estimate 990 students were eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 during the 2019-20 academic year and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
For the **2020-21** academic year, we estimate 1,077 students were eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 during the 2019-20 academic year and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
5. As of October 9, 2020, exactly 400 students have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act; 302 students during Spring Term 2020, 37 students during Fall Term 2020, and 61 students during both terms.
6. The methods used by Lawrence University to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act are as follows:

For Spring Term 2020:

In order to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants during Spring Term 2020, students completed the [Spring Term 2020 COVID-19 Emergency Grants application](#). To be

eligible for funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, students must also have a valid 2019-20 FAFSA on file with the Lawrence University Financial Aid Office. The amount of the grant was based on the amount of eligible expenses reported on the application. Emergency grant amounts for Pell Grant recipients range from a minimum of \$1,250 to a maximum of \$2,500. For students who do not qualify for the Pell Grant, emergency grant amounts range from a minimum of \$250 to a maximum of \$2,500.

For Fall Term 2020:

In order to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants during Fall Term 2020, students completed the [Fall Term 2020 COVID-19 Emergency Grants application](#). To be eligible for funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, students must also have a valid 2020-21 FAFSA on file with the Lawrence University Financial Aid Office. The amount of the grant was based on the amount of eligible expenses reported on the application, which were limited to expenses for technology (laptop, internet, software) and housing. Emergency grant amounts ranged from a minimum of \$25 to a maximum of \$450.

7. The instructions, directions, or guidance provided to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants are as follows:

For Spring 2020:

Students were sent a [series of emails](#) and institutional announcements beginning May 1, 2020 encouraging them to apply by May 8, 2020 for priority consideration. A second reminder was sent on May 8, 2020 encouraging students to apply by May 18, 2020. The final deadline to apply for funding to cover expenses incurred during Spring Term 2020 was May 29, 2020. Emergency Financial Aid Grants are awarded on a first-come basis for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus (including eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance) that were incurred during Spring Term 2020.

For Fall 2020:

Students were sent [an email on September 1, 2020](#) with instructions to apply by September 18, 2020. A message was also included in the [LU Insider on September 2, 2020](#).