

HEERF 2021 Q2 Report

Lawrence University Quarterly Report April 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021

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 quarterly report for the second quarter of 2021:

1. Lawrence University signed and returned to the Department of Education (DOE) the Certification and Agreement on April 14, 2020 for HEERF I. 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, a second award of \$578,814 on January 17, 2021, and a third award of \$1,486,160 on May 15, 2021 for a total of \$2,643,788 pursuant to the institution’s Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
3. Lawrence University has distributed a total of \$1,360,012 to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of June 30, 2021, including \$469,539 during the second quarter of 2021.
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.
5. For the **2020-21** academic year, we estimate 1,453 students were eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
6. As of June 30, 2021, 768 students have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act; 220 students received funding during both the 2019-20 and 2020-21 academic years, 143 students during only the 2019-20 academic year, and 405 students during only the 2020-21 academic year.
7. 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.

For Winter Term 2021:

Students who received the Federal Pell Grant for the 2020-21 academic year received a \$500 HEERF II grant. Students with bank account information on file with the university—either with the Payroll Office or Student Accounts Office—had the payment deposited in their bank account. Students without bank account information on file with the university received an email with a link to [one question form](#) that asked if they wanted the HEERF II grant Emergency grant funding paid to them (electronic deposit or check) or applied directly towards their student account.

For Spring Term 2021 – Round 1

In order to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants during Spring Term 2021, students completed the [Spring Term 2021 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. Emergency grant amounts were limited to a maximum of \$2,500.

For Spring Term 2021 – Round 2

In order to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants during Spring Term 2021, students completed the [Spring 2021 Emergency Grants Application #2](#). Eligible students were enrolled at Lawrence after March 13, 2020. Grant amounts ranged from \$200 to \$900 and were based on a budget of approximately \$200,000 in HEERF grant funding.

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

For Spring Term 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 Term 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](#).

For Winter Term 2021:

Federal Pell Grant recipients with bank account information on file with the university— either with the Payroll Office or Student Accounts Office—received an email on February 26, 2021 informing them of the upcoming \$500 payment to their bank account. Students without bank account information on file with the university received a separate email on February 26, 2021 with a link to [one question form](#) that asked if they wanted the HEERF II grant funding paid to them (electronic deposit or check) or applied directly towards their student account. Follow up emails were sent on March 9, 2021 and March 29 to students who did not respond to the single question form.

For Spring Term 2021 – Round 1:

Students were sent an email on February 26, 2021 with instructions to apply by March 19, 2021.

For Spring Term 2021 – Round 2:

Students were sent an email on May 28, 2021 with instructions to apply by June 13, 2021. An announcement was also shared campus-wide in the LU Insider.