



## *CARES Act Emergency Financial Aid Grant Report*

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### *Information about the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act*

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First and foremost is the health and well-being of Notre Dame de Namur University (NDNU) students, employees (faculty and staff), and our extended community. NDNU is supporting eligible graduate and undergraduate students by providing emergency financial aid grants from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund established by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

1. *On April 20, 2020, NDNU returned to the United States Department of Education (ED) the signed Certification and Agreement (for) Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. In so doing, NDNU provided ED the assurance that NDNU 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.*
2. *On May 4, 2020, NDNU received \$560,725 from ED pursuant to NDNU's Certification and Agreement (for) Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.*
3. *The method(s) used by NDNU to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act Emergency Financial Aid Grant are as follows:*
  - *In accordance with ED's guidance, NDNU is prioritizing the distribution of funds to Title IV eligible students demonstrating the greatest need. A student's level of need is determined using information available to the NDNU Office of Financial Aid and the Business Office, including, but not limited to: Pell eligibility and expected family contribution*
  - *Students are encouraged to file the 2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form, but are not required*

- *Students are not eligible for HEERF grants if they were enrolled exclusively in an online program on March 13, 2020. International students, DACA students, and undocumented students are not eligible for Emergency Financial Aid Grants.*
4. *NDNU began reviewing the eligibility of students on May 11, 2020. On June 15, 2020, NDNU sent an email to students with notice of award status.*
  5. *As of September 1, 2020, NDNU has distributed Emergency Financial Aid Grants to 352 students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act*
  6. *The estimated total number of NDNU students 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 is approximately 550 as of June 4, 2020.*
  7. *All students received email notifications about the program on April 27, 2020. Instructions and FAQs concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants are provided to students on the [CARES Act Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\) webpage](#).*

The above is provided by Notre Dame De Namur University (NDNU) to comply with:

1. *Section 18004(e) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, which requires each institution applying for funding from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) to submit an initial report to the Secretary of Education within 30 days;*
2. *guidance for compliance with the 30-day reporting requirement provided by ED on May 6, 2020; and*
3. *communications sent from ED's Program Officer on May 13, 2020 where posting the above report in a format and location is easily accessible to the public on this date, June 4, 2020, and is within the 30 day requirement from the date NDNU received its allocation under Section 18004(a)(1). This report will be updated every 45 days after this initial posting.*