

The following are responses provided to comply with the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) reporting and disclosure requirements. The latest review of these disclosures was completed September 30, 2020. There were no revisions needed. That review acted as the final quarterly posting report/review and covered all remaining HEERF fund expenditures for Section 18004(a)(1) Student Portion funds. No more quarterly public reporting of Section 18004(a)(1) Student Portion funds will be published.

An acknowledgment that you have signed and returned the Certification, and your assurance that you have used or intend to use no less than 50% of the funds for student grants.

On April 24, 2020, President Livingstone signed Baylor's Certification and Agreement concerning the emergency financial aid grants to students under Section 18004(c) of the CARES Act. The Grants.gov application for this portion of funding was submitted on April 27, 2020.

On May 11, 2020, President Livingstone signed Baylor's Certification and Agreement concerning the institutional portion of the funds under Section 18004(c) of the CARES Act. The Grants.gov application for this portion of funding was submitted on May 11, 2020.

The total amount of CARES Act funding that you will receive or have received under your Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

On May 6, 2020, Baylor was approved to draw \$5,388,745 from Grants.gov. Funds were drawn as grants were disbursed/paid to students.

The total amount of grants distributed to students under 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of the date of your submission/posting (i.e., 30 days after receiving allocation, and every 45 days thereafter).

As of June 5, 2020, Baylor has awarded and paid **\$5,394,000** in CARES Act emergency grant funds to students. Representing just over 50% of total CARES Act funding. This finalized the required student emergency grant distribution.

Estimated total # of students at your institution "eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV."

Baylor had approximately 14,674 students for Spring 2020 who were eligible to participate in Title IV programs.

Total number of students who have received a grant under 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

As of June 5, 2020, Baylor has awarded **2697** students CARES Act Emergency Grant funds.

- **Between May 15 and May 28**, there were 2044 eligible students who met the initial selection criteria and received Federal CARES Act Grants. The amount provided to each student was \$2,000 totaling \$4,088,000 in funding.
- **Between June 2 and June 5**, Baylor expanded its selection criteria using the secondary selection criteria to include students with an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of \$16,350 or less. This increase made it possible to distribute the remaining CARES Act Emergency Grant funds to 653 students totaling \$1,306,000. The amount provided to each student was \$2,000.

The method(s) your institution used to determine which students receive grants, and how much they would receive.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act signed into law provides \$12.56 billion to be distributed to institutions using a formula based on student enrollment. On April 9, the Department of Education issued allocation notices to institutions of higher education, which can be found at this link:

<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/allocationsforsection18004a1ofcaresact.pdf>.

Baylor University's total allocation is \$10,777,489, of which at least \$5,388,745 must be awarded as emergency financial aid grants directly to students. Baylor University seeks to provide a meaningful grant to the greatest number of students with the highest demonstrated need, as determined by the FAFSA. Baylor's cost of attendance is over \$65,000 annually for our full-time undergraduate students. Therefore, our students with the greatest demonstrated financial need pre-coronavirus are likely to experience the greatest financial impact due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The following is Baylor University's plan for awarding these grants.

Initial Selection Criteria

- Undergraduate students,
 - excluding students seeking a Post Baccalaureate degree,
- Currently enrolled in Spring 2020 term for 12 or more hours,
- Planning to enroll in Fall 2020 term as indicated by registering for Fall term courses,
 - excluding students intending to graduate in Spring 2020
- Students whose Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is equal to or less than \$10,000.
- Students must be meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress standards.

Disbursement

- Payments began upon receipt of funding from the Department of Education's G5 system.
- The Cashier's Office disbursed these grants directly to the students per standard refund policy options.

- Students were required to register **by June 1**, after which point Baylor University would move to provide grants to students by utilizing the secondary selection criteria.

Secondary Selection Criteria

- Undergraduate students,
 - excluding students seeking a Post Baccalaureate degree,
- Currently enrolled in Spring 2020 term for 12 or more hours,
- Planning to enroll in Fall 2020 term as indicated by registering for Fall term courses,
 - excluding students intending to graduate in Spring 2020
- Students whose Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is equal to or less than \$16,350.
- Students must be meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress standards.

Disbursement

- The Cashier's Office disbursed these grants directly to students via standard refund policy options.

Any "instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants."

- The following guidance was provided via the Baylor.edu/giving site under the COVID-19 resources section and was posted on April 15, 2020 in response to the removal of the President's Excellence Fund (PEF) application. This application was offered as an option for students who needed to request additional funding support as a direct result of financial hardship due to the coronavirus.

Posted message: The funds from the Federal CARES Act will be distributed in accordance with the requirements stipulated by the U.S. Department of Education. These funds will assist currently enrolled students who have been impacted by the coronavirus. Students with the greatest demonstrated financial need, according to their 2019-2020 FAFSA application, will be reviewed for eligibility. Our goal is to award these funds as quickly as possible. Please check back for updates.

- The Student Financial Aid Office identified students and sent notifications based upon initial review for CARES Act Student Emergency Grant eligibility in early-April. Student's who met the initial selection criteria were sent a "Funded Letter." Students who had the potential to meet the initial selection criteria by the June 1 deadline were sent a "Waitlist

Letter.” Students who met the secondary selection criteria were sent the “Funded Letter.” Copies of both letters can be found [here](#).