

**Coronavirus Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act  
Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) Reporting:**

The S.3548 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) Act was signed into law on March 27, 2020. \$14.250 billion of the CARES Act is funding provided to Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) to help higher education institutions and their students with any unforeseen expenses that they may have accrued due to the COVID-19.

Participating institutions are required to post up to date information detailing the amount of funds, how the funds were distributed, etc. Below is the most up to date information for Western Pennsylvania Hospital School of Nursing as of August 24, 2020 and will be updated every 45 days thereafter.

- An acknowledgement 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 May 27, 2020, the Western Pennsylvania Hospital School of Nursing signed and submitted the Certification and Agreement Emergency for the Financial Aid Grants to Students under the Coronavirus, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. On June 11, 2020 the Western Pennsylvania Hospital School of Nursing signed and submitted the Certification and Agreement for the Funds under Section 18004 (a)(3) (FIPSE) of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund of the CARES Act.*

- 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.

*Western Pennsylvania Hospital School of Nursing received a total of \$141,885.00 in Coronavirus, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds. Western Pennsylvania Hospital School of Nursing received a total of \$358,115.00 funds under Section 18004 (a)(3) (FIPSE) of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund of the CARES Act.*

- 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).

*Western Pennsylvania Hospital School of Nursing received \$141,885.00 under Section 18004(a)(1) and (2) of the CARES Act. As of May 27, 2020, \$83,750.00 was disbursed to 100 students and additional \$3,000.00 was disbursed on June 10, 2020 to an additional 12 students. A total of \$86,750.00 has been disbursed.*

- 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.

*A total of 100 out of 112 enrolled students filed a FAFSA and were eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus were eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.*

*Thursday May 21st Department of Education (ED) changed their previous guidance - “ED will not enforce the portion of its guidance that says students must be, or could be, Title IV eligible in order to receive HEERF student emergency grant funds.” Western Pennsylvania Hospital School of Nursing processed CARES Act funds for 12 students who did not file a FAFSA on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020. On June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the Department of Education released an interim final rule on the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) student emergency grants in the Federal Register. There are two main eligibility restrictions in the rule: 1) students must be (or could be) Title IV-eligible and 2) international students, those in the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, and those living in the country illegally are not eligible. Department of Education clarified in the rule that enforcement of the Title IV eligibility interpretation will not be retroactive before the date of publication in the Federal Register, but reminded institutions of its prior guidance regarding funds issued to individuals living in the country illegally, those enrolled in the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, and international students.*

- The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

*As of May 27, 2020 100 out of 112 enrolled students filed a FAFSA and were eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus received Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. On June 10, 2020 the additional 12 students received Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act due to the May 21<sup>st</sup> reversal in guidance.*

- 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.

*Western Pennsylvania Hospital School of Nursing thoroughly reviewed each student's financial aid file. Per direction and guidance set forth by the Department of Education the institution elected to determine a student's CAREs Act award amount based off of the student's Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from their 2019/2020 Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Below is a chart detailing how much grants funds were awarded per student based on EFC.*

<b>2019/2020 EFC</b>	<b>CARES Act Funds</b>
0-5711	\$1,000.00
5712-11,650	\$750.00
11,651+	\$500.00
No FAFSA	\$250.00

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

*A student's EFC can be located on their Student Aid Report. A student receives their Student Aid Report via email once their FAFSA is processed. A student can also log on to [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov) to review their Student Aid Report.*

*The CAREs Act funds will be processed via Allegheny Health Networks Accounts Payable department and are scheduled to be mailed directly to the student's home mailing address listed in the student portal.*