

ARP FUNDS REPORT FOR STUDENT PORTION OF 18004(a)(1) Quarter ending 6/30/21

- Southwestern College signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used, or intends to use, no less than 50% of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the ARP Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
- 2. Southwestern College received \$49,882 from the Department of Education for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students from the ARP Act.
- 3. As of June 30, 2021, no funds had been granted to students as Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section 18004(a)(1) of the ARP Act. The first disbursements are scheduled for July, 2021.
- 4. The estimated total number of students who are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants in the first disbursement cycle for Summer Quarter 2021 is 73.
- 5. The total number of students who received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under the student portion of Section 18004(a)(1) is -0- as of June 30. The first disbursements are scheduled for July.
- Responsibility for managing the application process was assigned to the Dean of the College. The Dean of the College is using the same methodology developed for HEERF I funds and used for HEERF II funds.
- 7. All students enrolled in Summer Quarter 2021 were emailed information about the ARP Act funds and how to apply for an emergency grant. (Appendix A, copy of June 28 email to students)

Next steps to take place in July 2021 and reported on in next quarter report: Students will apply for funds. Students will be notified they received a grant. Subject: HEERF III Application Deadline to Apply Monday, July 5th

Date: Monday, June 28, 2021 at 8:13:18 AM Mountain Daylight Time

From: Sent From Populi

To: Virginia Padilla Vigil

Dear Students,

We have received additional emergency funds for students from the U.S. Department of Education. Please see the information below. To apply <u>CLICK HERE FOR APPLICATION</u>.

Student Emergency Funds: HEERF III Summer Quarter 2021

HEERF III Request for Funds

Application Due Date: June 25, 2021

Allocation:

The U.S. Department of Education has allocated additional funds through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III) from the new American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to provide emergency grants to students.

Distribution of Funds: These funds are to be distributed to students for any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to the coronavirus, such as food, housing, transportation, course materials, technology, health care (including mental health care), or childcare. Priority will be given to students with exceptional need.

Eligibility: Students enrolled in at least one course in a degree-seeking program in the Summer 21 quarter who establish a need are eligible. While students do not need to submit a FAFSA or be eligible for financial aid, as part of the application process, students must also certify that they:

- do not owe a refund on grants previously received at any institution;
- are not in default on any loan from a student loan fund at any institution;

• have not been convicted of or have pled nolo contendere or guilty to a crime involving fraud in obtaining funds from the federal government.

Review of Applications: Applications will be reviewed anonymously - the applicant's name will be removed before the committee reviews the application. The committee will include 4 people - one faculty member, one Board member, one student who will not be applying for funds, and one staff member.

Timeline: Applications accepted between June 28-July 5th. Applications will be reviewed between Tuesday, July 6th, and Friday, July 9th. Students will receive an award letter by July 13th and funds will be disbursed by July 14th.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me via phone (505.467.6821) or email: vpvigil@swc.edu.

Most Sincerely, Virginia Populi sent this message to 137 recipients