

**CARES Act Emergency Relief Grants to Students Fund
Report 5/15/20
North Park University**

On March 27, 2020, the President of the United States Signed the CARES Act (H.R. 748), providing emergency relief funds to organizations and individuals affected by the coronavirus pandemic. The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF), found in Section 18004 of the CARES Act, provides funding to institutions of higher education “to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.” This report provides details on the funds North Park University received under the HEERF on April 22, 2020 for Emergency Financial Aid to students under Award No. P425E200431.

CERTIFICATION

North Park University signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement on April 11, 2020. North Park University used no less than 50% of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

AWARD

North Park University received a total of \$2,332,872 under Section 18004(a)(1) of the HEERF. \$1,116,436 will be distributed directly to students impacted by campus disruptions due to the Coronavirus. These funds are from the Department of Education and pursuant to our Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

FUNDS DISTRIBUTED

As of 05/15/20, North Park University has distributed \$900,700 to 950 students in Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

North Park University has an estimate of 1,825 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, and in academic programs at North Park University deemed eligible for the student emergency aid.

METHOD USED TO DETERMINE STUDENTS ELIGIBILITY

Title IV eligible students will be awarded funding using the following methodology:

1) **Group 1:** Full-time traditional undergraduate students and undergraduate students in the School of Professional Studies (SPS) with an Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) of \$9,000 or less (based on the maximum EFC for Illinois MAP grant eligibility) are awarded grants of \$1,100. Part-time degree-seeking traditional undergraduate students and undergraduate students in SPS with an EFC of \$9,000 or less are awarded grants of \$500. There is no application process for these students.

2) **Group 2:** Undergraduate students with an EFC higher than \$9,000 and graduate students in academic programs deemed eligible for the student emergency aid are eligible to submit an appeal for emergency funding in the amount of \$500 by identifying expenses they have incurred related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID 19.

INSTRUCTIONS/DIRECTIONS GIVEN TO STUDENTS

Communication sent to Group 1: students with an EFC of \$9,000 or Less:

Dear Student:

As a result of the federal government-established CARES Act, North Park University has received funding to provide emergency grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus, such as housing, child care, health care, and food. These funds are to be given as cash payments directly to students who are Title IV-eligible.

The University has determined that, based on your need, you are eligible and prioritized for an emergency grant. Eligible, prioritized full-time students will be receiving \$1100. Eligible, prioritized part-time students will be receiving \$500.

For you to receive these funds as quickly as possible, please go online to Self Service, www.northpark.edu/selfservice, and provide your account information in the Banking tab. Disbursements will be made every Friday, and you will receive the funds shortly thereafter. If you do not have a bank account, please reply to this email, and arrangements will be made to issue you a paper check.

Communication sent to Group 2: undergraduate students with an EFC of greater than \$9,000 and graduate students in programs deemed eligible for aid:

Dear Student:

As a result of the federal government-established CARES Act, North Park University has received funding to provide emergency grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus, such as housing, child care, health care, and food. These funds are to be given as cash payments directly to students who are Title IV-eligible.

Unfortunately, we are not able to give funds to every student. Priority was given to those students who exhibited the most need as a result of filing the 2019-2020 FAFSA. However, we have set aside a portion of our funding to allow additional students to apply for a \$500 emergency grant. If you have qualified expenses related to the disruption of campus, please complete [this appeal](#) form. The funds will be given on first come, first served basis.

Communication to students in Group 2 who completed and submitted the Appeal Form who submitted banking information:

Dear Student,

Your appeal for a \$500 CARES Act Emergency Grant has been approved. We will process your disbursement on Friday. If you have provided us with banking information, then you will see your funds in your account next week. If a paper check is being issued for you, then you should receive it in the mail within the next week to 10 days.

Communication to students in Group 2 who completed and submitted the Appeal Form who submitted banking information:

Dear Student,

Your appeal for a \$500 CARES Act Emergency Grant has been approved. However, we cannot process your request as you have not provided the University with direct deposit information. Please go online to [Self Service](#), and provide your account information via the Banking Information tab. Your information **MUST** be provided by **5 P.M. TOMORROW (Wednesday)** in order for your request to be processed this week. If it is not received on time, then your request cannot be processed until next week. As a reminder, you **MUST** add and maintain your banking information online through Self Service. We will not accept your information via email, nor should you **EVER** email your account details to anyone.

