



HEERF II CRRSA Act Financial Aid Report-Ending February 10, 2021

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This document provides the necessary documentation to comply with Section 18004(e) of the Corona Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act" or the "Act"), Pub. L. No. 116-136, 134 Stat. 281 (March 27, 2020).

- On March 27, 2020, Oklahoma City University ("OCU") signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement document under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. Section 18004(c) of the CARES Act established the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund ("HEERF"); this relief funding is for eligible students to help cover expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the pandemic.
- The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II ("HEERF II"), authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 ("CRRSAA"), and signed into law on December 27, 2020, provided funding to higher education institutions for emergency grants to students who have experienced expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- OCU was eligible to receive \$768,334 of HEERF II financial aid funding, which was the same amount previously awarded to the University for the HEERF I / CARES financial aid grant funds.
- As of February 10, 2021, all \$768,334 received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students has been awarded to students.
- As of February 10, 2021, 960 students received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSA Act. All student applicants with demonstrated need, as indicated on their applications, received an OCU CRRSAA Emergency Grant for an average amount of \$800.35 once their applications were reviewed and verified for eligibility.
- All currently enrolled students at Oklahoma City University were emailed on January 28, 2021 explaining the grant and inviting the students to apply until the application period ended on Monday, February 1, 2021 at 11:59 a.m. CST and were notified of an approved award by Wednesday, February 3, 2021 by 5:00 p.m. CST, including details of the award itself. OCU encouraged all students to apply for funding if they have incurred expenses as a result of the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19, such as food, housing, transportation, technology, course materials, health care, and child-care expenses.
- All enrolled students were eligible for HEERF II, and thus not limited to Title IV eligibility. Student's overall financial need as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid ("FAFSA") was taken into consideration, though did not necessarily affect determined eligibility. There were an estimated 2437 students at OCU verifiably eligible to participate in the programs under the Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSA Act.
- These CRRSAA grant funds are considered nontaxable income (<https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/cares-act-coronavirus-relief-fund-frequently-asked-questions>).