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The Institution's Certification and Agreement directs each institution applying for HEERF funds to comply with Section 18004(e) of the CARES Act and to submit timely reports to the Secretary of Education. The Information for Financial Aid Professionals (IFAP) Electronic Announcement (EA) posted May 6, 2020, required institutions to submit an initial report (the "30-day Fund Report") to the Secretary of Education thirty (30) days from the date the Institution received its allocation under 18004(a)(1), and every 45 days thereafter. On August 31, 2020, The Department of Education (ED) published a revised EA, which decreased the frequency of reporting after the initial 30-day period from every 45 days thereafter to every calendar quarter. Additional guidance from ED subsequently amended the frequency of reporting to quarterly submissions. In accordance with ED's guidance, the following information has been uploaded to Louisiana College's (LC) website.

Reporting Requirements:

1. Louisiana College acknowledges that the institution has signed and returned to ED the Certification and Agreement to receive funding under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. The College has used, or intends to use, a total of \$573,753 or 50 percent of the funds received to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
2. As of the 4th Quarter 2020 Report, LC has distributed \$573,753 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants to eligible students.
3. As of the 4th Quarter 2020 Report, LC estimates a total of 955 students are or were 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.
4. As of the 4th Quarter 2020 Report, 519 students have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
5. In accordance with ED's guidance, eligible LC students who were enrolled Spring 2020 or Fall 2020 were considered for a grant for the cost and disruption of their in-seat course(s) transitioning to an online platform. The Department of Education indicates students who filed or who are eligible to file a FAFSA may receive emergency financial aid grants if they were otherwise eligible for Title IV funding. However, students who were enrolled exclusively in online courses for Spring 2020 or Fall 2020 were not eligible for emergency financial aid grants.

All Title IV eligible students (Graduate & Undergraduate) enrolled at least half-time who submitted applications for the CARES Act Student Emergency Grant were awarded a base award with incremental increases based upon financial need as indicated by Pell eligibility or EFC.

6. Instructions, directions or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants are as follows:



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1st Communication: 4-30-2020

Dear Students,

Sending along this message tonight regarding the CARES ACT which includes grants for full time students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus, such as food, housing, course materials, health care, and child-care expenses. If you have sustained expenses in one or more of these categories, you may be eligible for assistance. Students who were 100% online prior to March 13 are ineligible to receive assistance (Federal Government requirement).

To expedite this process please reply via email to CARES20@lacollege.edu by May 6 acknowledging that you have incurred such additional expenses. Please note this email address will be operational by 10am tomorrow (Friday, May 1).

Please understand this has been front of mind for me and my Leadership Team for several weeks as we have worked with the US Department of Education to gain accurate information. This situation has been fluid as the Federal Government has continued to provide additional guidance week by week.

In the coming days I will be sending you a different email regarding room and board refunds for full time residential student this Spring semester.

Know I am praying for you to Finish Strong this Semester!

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2nd Communication: 5-7-2020

Dear Students,

More good news!

Please read the following information carefully and follow directions accordingly.

As part of the recently passed CARES Act, the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) provides funding to institutions to provide emergency financial aid grants to students whose lives have been disrupted by the coronavirus pandemic. The funds are to be used to cover additional expenses resulting from the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus (including eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and childcare). At this time, it has not been decided if these grants will be considered tax-free so please be aware of the possibility that the funds may be taxable to you.

Students must be eligible to participate in Title IV Federal Financial Aid programs in order to qualify for the emergency grant funds. Additionally, students who were enrolled exclusively in an online program on March 13, 2020, the date of the President's declaration of national emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak, are not eligible.

If you have had additional expenses that meet the criteria above, you may apply for the student grant through the MyLC portal. Once you log in, click on the "CARES" tab and complete the simple application. The deadline to apply for funding is **Monday, May 11, 2020**. The Financial Aid Office will process the applications to determine eligibility and award amounts in the order they are received. Please allow at least 48 hours after submission of your application before inquiring about the status.

Our goal is to distribute this money to our students as quickly as possible via direct deposit. PLEASE NOTE: You must provide your banking information for direct deposit. If you have not already signed up for direct deposit, do so by logging into the MyLC portal, click on the "Direct Deposit Info" tab, complete and submit the direct deposit form.

I am grateful for this opportunity to help relieve some of the burden caused by these unusual times.

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3rd Communication: 5-19-2020

Subject: CARES Act Student Emergency Grant

Your application for the CARES Act Student Emergency Grant has been processed and a grant has been awarded to you. You should have your funds in your bank account in the morning if you signed up for direct deposit. Otherwise a paper check will be mailed tomorrow.

Thank you,

Louisiana College Business Office



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4th Communication: 10-12-2020

Dear Students,

My prayer is that each of you came through the hurricane without harm and I am pleased to be able to share some good news with you at this difficult time.

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In order to qualify for the emergency grant, students must be eligible to participate in Title IV Federal Financial Aid programs as indicated by having a current FAFSA on file with the Louisiana College Financial Aid Office. Additionally, students who are enrolled exclusively in an online program are not eligible.

Please read the following information carefully and follow directions accordingly.

If you are currently enrolled at least half-time for the Fall 2020 semester at Louisiana College and you have had additional expenses that meet the criteria above, you may apply for this grant. Grant applications are available in the Louisiana College Business Office. All applications must be completed in the presence of Business Office personnel. Additionally, you must present a valid government-issued picture ID at the time of application. Copies of such identification will not be accepted and your Louisiana College ID will not suffice as appropriate identification since it is not government-issued. The deadline to apply for funding is **Monday, October 26, 2020**.

After the application window has closed, applications will be processed to determine eligibility and award amounts with first priority given to students who have not previously received CARES grant funds. If funds are still available after awarding first-time recipients, then students who have already received CARES funding will be considered for an additional award.

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