

CARES ACT REPORTING ON EMERGENCY FINANCIAL AID GRANTS TO STUDENTS On March 27, 2020, the Federal government enacted the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Pub L. No. 116-136, providing funds to institutions from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) to make Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus, including eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance, such as food, course materials, technology, health care, and child care. The law requires institutions to report certain information related to the use of these funds. The following information is reported for the period,

1. The Elaine Sterling Institute 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.
2. The Elaine Sterling Institute received \$207,089 from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Student.
3. 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: \$207,089
4. The estimated total number of 292 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.
5. 290 total students have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of 12/31/2020.
6. Method used: 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

Eligibility: We took many factors into consideration upon determining the need and distribution of the HERF GRANT.

- Students must be in Active Attendance Status excluding any students that have dropped or who were suspended in 2020.
- Students choosing to receive grant funds must have forms completed and submitted no later than Friday June 26, 2020 at 5PM.
- Distribution of funds facilitated during the COVID-19 Temporary School Closures includes, changing the agreed upon educational delivery method from "in-school" classes to distance learning.
- Students signed statement: The advanced funds shall not be used for any purpose other than the direct payment of grants to students for their expenses

related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child-care.

- There may be a deadline for submission of application of HERF Grant. We realize the funds are limited and understand the hardship COVID-19 has placed upon the students.
- Grant Notice to student 5/1/2020
- The U.S. Secretary of Education, in response to the CARES Act, recently notified colleges and universities that in the coming weeks financial resources will be made available to provide grants to students for expenses related to disruptions to their educations due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ESI is committed to doing everything in our power to help our students overcome academic and financial barriers on their paths to graduation. To this end, The Elaine Sterling Institute has requested resources from the CARES Act to support our students during this difficult time.
- In accordance with recommendations and guidelines from the U.S. Secretary of Education, ESI will distribute funds received through the CARES Act to students.
- We at The Elaine Sterling Institute fully appreciate the hardship COVID-19 has placed on our students. The CARES Act funds will hopefully alleviate some of the burden this disease has placed upon you.
- We are informing you that The Elaine Sterling Institute has applied for a Grant through the Higher Education Emergency Relief – CARES ACT. The Grant was created to assist students' expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child-care expenses.
- Our application for the Grant was accepted and approved. Funds from the Grant will be distributed to students.
- The Financial Aid office will be contacting students to distribute the funds from the Higher Education Emergency Relief – CARES ACT Grant.
- **Signed Student Statement**
- In consideration for the advanced funds and as conditions for their receipt, Recipient warrants, acknowledges, and agrees that:
- (a) The advanced funds shall not be used for any purpose other than the direct payment of grants to students for their expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child-care.