Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) – Student Portion

General Information

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act includes a Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) that provided emergency funding to higher education, including a portion that must go directly to students in the form of emergency financial aid grants (HEERF-student share) for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the COVID-19 crisis. The HEERF grants to students can be used 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, housing, program materials, technology, health care, and child care.**

Our college has received funding through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund authorized by the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act from the US Department of Education. The College signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution 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. Our college has been authorized to receive the following funds to provide direct emergency grant checks to college students whose lives have been disrupted by the coronavirus outbreak.

On July 16th, 2020 College of Hair Design Careers received a total of $56,464.00 from the Department, and as of July 17th 2020 we have disbursed all of the funds to our eligible students (35) pursuant to the institution's Certificate and Agreement (for) Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the Cares Act. There were a total of 35 students at College of Hair Design Careers who were eligible to participate in the programs under Section 484 in the title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, and thus eligible to receive Cares Act funds. The funds will be distributed equally to all eligible students (35) who are or where currently enrolled (or on a covid-19 related LOA) that meet the eligibility requirements.

**Eligibility:** Title IV Eligibility Required: While HEERF-student disbursements are not Title IV aid, the US Department of Education guidance states that students must meet Title IV eligibility requirements in order to receive HEERF emergency grants. This means that you will need to have met the following:

1. Be currently enrolled (or on a COVID Leave of Absence) in a Title IV aid eligible program which include these programs:
   - Hair Design/Esthetics/Nail Technology
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   - Esthetics/Nail Technology

2. Have filled out the 2019-2020 FASFA prior to May 18th 2020

3. Met Section 484 of the HEA Title IV eligible student requirements:
   * For currently enrolled students, must be making satisfactory academic progress.
   * Not owe an overpayment on Title IV grants or loans.
* Not be in default on a Title IV loan.

* Be a U.S. citizen or national, permanent resident, or other eligible noncitizen.

* Have returned fraudulently obtained Title IV funds if convicted of or pled guilty or no contest to charges.

* Not have fraudulently received Title IV loans in excess of annual or aggregate limits.

* Have repaid Title IV loan amounts in excess of annual or aggregate limits if obtained inadvertently.

* Have Selective Service registration verified (males only)

* Have Social Security Number verified.

* Not have a federal or state conviction for drug possession or sale, with certain time limitations.