

**CARES ACT Student Emergency Aid Fund Reporting
As of September 30, 2020 – FINAL**

1. ***An acknowledgement that the institution 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.***

On April 11, 2020, Norfolk State University (NSU) signed and submitted the Recipient's Funding Certification and Agreement for the Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to the U.S. Department of Education. April 27, 2020, the University received notification from the U.S. Department of Education that NSU's grant application for the CARES Act Fund for the Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students was awarded with notification number P425E200385. NSU was awarded \$6,901,716 of CARES Act Funding via the Department of Education's G5 electronically awarding system and used at least 50 percent, \$3,450,858, to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

2. ***The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.***

Norfolk State University was awarded \$6,901,716 of CARES Act Funding and intends to use at least 50 percent, \$3,450,858, to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

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 (i.e., as of the initial report and every calendar quarter thereafter).***

NSU distributed \$1,490,852 to 4,372 students who met the eligibility requirements from the spring 2020 semester and, as of September 30, 2020, distributed \$1,960,006 to 3,588 fall 2020 registered students from the spring 2020 eligibility list. This final quarterly report as of September 30, 2020, covers all remaining HEERF Fund expenditures for section 18004(a)(1) Student Portion funds.

4. ***The estimated total number of 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.***

There were 4,372 eligible students under Section 484 during the spring 2020 semester who received the emergency financial aid grant award. Of those students, 3,588 received the emergency financial aid grant award for the fall 2020 semester.

5. ***The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.***

The University distributed \$1,490,852 to 4,372 students who met the eligibility requirements in the spring semester. As of September 30, 2020, the remaining \$1,960,006 was distributed to 3,588 fall semester registered students from the spring eligibility list.

6. ***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.***

Based on the guidance from the U.S. Department of Education, the following criteria were used to determine eligibility for distribution of the emergency aid funds to students:

- Funds were awarded to students for “expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, healthcare, and childcare expenses.”
- Had a valid 2019-2020 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on file at NSU.
- Students who received the CARES Act emergency financial aid grant met the eligibility criteria in Section 484 of the Title IV Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA). This included, but not limited to, the demonstration of the following:
 - Enrolled in a degree program at NSU.
 - High school graduate.
 - Enrolled NSU student making satisfactory academic progress.
 - Not owed a refund on Title IV grants.
 - Not in default on Title IV loan.
 - Certified as part of the original financial aid application process that includes statement of educational purpose and a valid Social Security Number.
 - U.S citizen or national, permanent resident, or other eligible noncitizen.
 - Returned fraudulently obtained Title IV funds if convicted of, pled guilty or no contest to charges.
 - Not fraudulently received Title IV loans in excess of annual or aggregate limits.
 - Repaid Title IV loan amounts in excess of annual or aggregate limits if obtained inadvertently.
 - Selective Service registration verified (the Title IV aid ineligibility for failure to register is actually in the Selective Service Act §3811(f)).
 - No federal or state conviction for drug possession or sale, within certain time limitations.

7. *Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.*

Instructions, directions, and guidance concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants are provided on the [University's Coronavirus website](#) under the [NSU Federal CARES Act Student Emergency Aid Fund FAQs](#).