



## University of the West CARES Act HEERF -Student Portion Reporting

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act has allocated \$140,086 in Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF) to UWest for the university to serve students and help them continue to learn during this unprecedented time.

UWest has signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education a CARES HEERF Certification and Agreement including assurance that the university will use no less than 50 percent of the HEERF received, i.e. \$70,043, to provide emergency grants to students with unforeseen emergency expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19. Eligible expenses include food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and childcare.

Of those funds, the total amount that has been distributed to students as of the date of reporting (i.e., as of the 30-day Report and no later than 10 days after the end of each calendar quarter thereafter) are as follows:

Date of Distribution	Amount Distributed	Number of Student Awarded	Distribution Tier
May 19, 2020	Funds Approved	N/A	N/A
June 15, 2020	\$43,390	76	Tier 1
June 22, 2020	\$9,800	14	Tier 1
June 29, 2020	\$1,360	3	Tier 1
July 13, 2020	\$1,200	2	Tier 1
July 27, 2020	\$3,600	6	Tier 1
October 1, 2020	\$600	1	Tier 1
October 23, 2020	\$900	1	Tier 1
December 31, 2020	\$9,000	75	Tier 2
<b>Total Distribution</b>	<b>\$69,850</b>	<b>103 *</b>	

\*This number reflects unduplicated students who received funds under Section 18004(a)(1).

UWest has estimated 125 students that are potentially 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.

### **Tier 1 Distribution for Spring 2020:**

In accordance with the U.S. Department of Education guidelines, UWest shall distribute the CARES Act Student Emergency Fund to all eligible students through an application process. Each eligible student enrolled in Spring 2020 Semester will receive a one-time, lump-sum cash grant in the amount of \$600 for full-time and half-time students, or \$160 for less-than half-time

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students. Each student who lived in the on-campus residence halls and moved off campus due to COVID-19 disruption will receive an additional \$350 to cover their unexpected relocation expenses.

**Tier 2 Distribution for Fall 2020:**

The remaining unclaimed HEERF -Student Funds after the Tier 1 distribution will be distributed to eligible students who meet the following criteria (must meet all criteria):

1. Be a current (Fall 2020) student who was enrolled half-time or above in Spring 2020;
2. Received a HEERF Student Grant Tier 1 distribution for Spring 2020;
3. Has a valid 2019/20 or 2020/21 FAFSA application on file.

The Tier 2 grant distribution is \$120 per eligible student.

CARES Act Student Emergency Funds will be processed through student accounts and will be transferred via ACH direct deposit. If the student has not set up ACH direct deposit, they will receive a paper check.

Students are informed via university email and university website of the eligibility requirements, and that they shall submit an online application to certify that they incurred eligible expenses as a result of the disruption of campus operation caused by COVID-19 pandemic.