

**Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) Reporting:
Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students
UPMC Mercy School of Nursing 30-Day Fund Report**

Overview:

Section 18004(e) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act” or the “Act”), Pub. L. No. 116-136, 134 Stat. 281 (March 27, 2020), directs institutions receiving funds under Section 18004 of the Act to submit (in a time and manner required by the Secretary) a report to the Secretary describing the use of funds distributed from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (“HEERF”).

On May 6, 2020, the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education posted their reporting requirements for HEERF participating institutions. Each HEERF participating institution is responsible for providing this information in report format (the “30-day Fund Report”). In addition, these participating institutions are required to post the information listed below on the institution’s primary website. Accordingly, the following information will be easily accessible to the public and made available 30 days after the date when the institution received its allocation under 18004(a)(1) and updated every 45 days thereafter.

The UPMC Mercy School of Nursing hereby addresses questions for the “30-day Fund Report”:

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.

***Response:** UPMC Mercy School of Nursing completed and submitted the Funding Certification Agreement on Wednesday, April 15, 2020. A team was established in order to deliver 50% of the funding to students impacted by the COVID - 19 pandemic.*

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.

***Response:** UPMC Mercy School of Nursing received \$87,812.00 in funding to be distributed among its applicants.*

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 30-day Report and every 45 days thereafter).

***Response:** \$81,858.70 has been distributed to eligible students as of August 28, 2020.*

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.

Response: *UPMC Mercy School of Nursing has a total of 118 students that can participate in the program.*

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.

Response: *At this time, 110 UPMC Mercy School of Nursing students have been awarded an emergency Financial Aid Grant from the CARES Act.*

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.

Response: *Students who currently have a valid 2019/2020 or 2020/2021 FAFSA on file have been awarded CARES Act Grant Funding. The UPMC Mercy School of Nursing Financial Aid Team is currently awaiting clarity from the Department of Education related to eligibility questions before being able to completely determine methodology for remaining students.*

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

Response: *The UPMC Mercy School of Nursing Financial Aid Team has sent multiple emails to the student body encouraging the students to update their home addresses, complete a 2019/2020 or 2020/2021 FAFSA, and provide the necessary documentation to clear C-Codes, if applicable. We provided communication to each student via email about the CARES funding, steps needed, and expectations moving forward.*