**Coronavirus Aid, Recovery, and Economic Security (CARES) Act: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEEF I)**

Under Coronavirus Aid, Recovery, and Economic Security Act, West Virginia State University will use no less than 50% of the funds of the CARES Act towards Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Student Emergency Grant Funds |  |  |  |  |
|  | September '20 | December '20 | March '21 | June '21 |
| Total funds Received | $825,052 | $825,052 | $825,052 | $825,052 |
| Total funds Paid | $825,052 | $825,052 | $825,052 | $825,052 |
| Estimated Total of Eligible Students | $1,162 | $1,162 | $1,162 | $1,162 |
| Total Students Paid | $1,162 | $1,162 | $1,162 | $1,162 |

WVSU used the following method to determine which students would receive Emergency Grants and how much they would receive:

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| CARES Funds |  |  |  |  |
| EFC | 12 + | 9 to 11 | 8 to 6 | 5 or less |
| 0 | $1,000 | $750 | $500 | $250 |
| 1 - 1,600 | $800 | $600 | $400 | $200 |
| 1,601 - 3200 | $700 | $525 | $350 | $175 |
| 3201-5576 | $600 | $450 | $300 | $150 |
| 5577-9999999 | $550 | $413 | $275 | $138 |

Instructions Directions or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants are as follows:

Grants are as follows:

Dear Student,

As part of the Yellow Jacket Nation, we hope you are staying safe and well.

In conjunction with the U.S. Department of Education, West Virginia State University is happy to award eligible students with an emergency assistance grant.   This emergency assistance grant is being awarded to eligible students under the authorization of the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act signed into law by President Donald J. Trump.

To be eligible for this grant you must be in compliance with the following guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Education:

         Be currently enrolled in a degree program and making satisfactory progress

         Not owed an overpayment on Title IV grants or loans

         Not be in default on a Title IV loan

         File “as part of the original financial aid application process” a certification that includes:

o   A statement of educational purpose

o   Student’s SSN

         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

         Have Social Security Number verified

         Not have a federal or state conviction of drug possession or sale, with certain time limitations

Since the U.S. Department of Education has given institutions specific guidelines, West Virginia State University will award emergency assistance grants to students who are registered in the Spring 2020 term and who completed a FAFSA.

Based on these guidelines, you will be receive an award for **$\_\_\_XXX\_\_\_\_\_\_**.

The University will process this amount through our bank, BB&T.  If you have set up a direct deposit, your award amount will be directed to the bank account on file.   Otherwise, a check will be issued and mailed to the address indicated on your student account.

If you have any questions, please contact: Cashier’s Office:  Email [cashier@wvstateu.edu](mailto:cashier@wvstateu.edu) or Telephone [(304) 766-3141](tel:(304)%20766-3141)

 For more information on the CARES Act as well as information on the University’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic, visit [www.wvstateu.edu/coronavirus](http://www.wvstateu.edu/coronavirus) and continue to monitor your University email account.

Thank You and Stay Safe and Healthy!

Sincerely,

Kristi Williams

Interim Vice President for Business and Finance