**Binghamton University** acknowledges an authorized representative of the institution has signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and 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.

**Binghamton University** has received $13,607,332 from the Department of Education pursuant to the Certification and Agreement for which 50% or $6,803,666 is designated as Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

**Binghamton University** has distributed $4,098,650 under Section 18004(a) (1) of the CARES Act as of 06/16/2020.

**Binghamton University** has determined 3,753 full-time undergraduate students, and 952 full-time graduate students are 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.

3,186 students have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a) (1) of the CARES Act as of 06/16/2020.

**Binghamton University** has prioritized awarding of Emergency Financial Aid Grants to its students in the following manner (methodology):

**1st Round CARES Emergency Grant**

Undergraduate students will receive awards ranging from $750 to $2,500 with Expected Family Contribution (EFC), size of household, and number in college as determinants in the award calculation.

Graduate students will receive a grant in the amount of $750 with Expected Family Contribution (EFC) as the determinant.

**2nd Round CARES Emergency Grant- Application Period through July 1, 2020**

Under Section 18004(a) (1) of the CARES Act, eligible students will receive awards in the amount of $500. Application available online to eligible students only.

Students that received CARES Act funding in the first round are not eligible for additional funding through the application process.

$158,475 will be awarded to graduate students with an EFC greater than 5,576 and undergraduate students with an EFC greater than 7,000 and part-time students that were not awarded in Round 1, and who demonstrate additional educational expenses due to the COVID-19 pandemic via an application process. Awards granted via the application process will not exceed $500 per student. Due to limited funding, not all students are guaranteed an award.
3rd Round CARES Emergency Grant – Fall 2020

$680,300 of Binghamton University’s allocation will be held and awarded to new FAFSA filers in the fall 2020 semester, using the same calculated award methodology as the method used in the first round. The number of eligible students will be determined in fall 2020.

Students that received CARES Act funding in prior rounds are not eligible for additional funding.

All students will be notified of eligibility and requirements via their Binghamton University email.*

Students are required to certify and attest (on MyBinghamton) that they have incurred or will incur allowable expenses of food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, childcare, and/or transportation as a result of the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus via an acknowledgement.*

For questions regarding the CARES Act Student Emergency Financial Aid Grant, please email finaid@binghamton.edu

*CARES Act Funding Student Acknowledgement:

I certify that I have, or will incur, allowable expenses for food, housing, technology, course materials, health care, childcare, and/or transportation as a result of the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19. These allowable expenses will be equal to or in excess of the amount of my CARES Act grant award.

I understand it is my responsibility to notify Financial Aid and Student Records immediately if I will not incur expenses that equal or exceed the amount of my award. I acknowledge that I have read and understand the CARES Act grant eligibility requirements as noted in the Binghamton University Cares Act Grant communication previously sent to me on XX/XX/XXXX.

*Email Communication to Students
Dear [Name],

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, Binghamton University transitioned all courses to a remote delivery format on March 19, 2020. The federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act authorizes institutions to award emergency grants to students for their allowable expenses that are related to the disruption of campus operations. Allowable expenses must be related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19. They include:

- Food
- Housing
- Course materials
- Technology and computer hardware
- Health care
- Dependent care
- Transportation
- Other expenses considered in the cost of attendance

Per the federal regulations included in the CARES Act, Binghamton University has awarded CARES grant funding to Title IV aid eligible students considering a variety of factors, which include enrollment status, the expected family contribution, the number of family members in the household and the number of family members in college. I am pleased to inform you that you will receive a CARES Grant in the amount of [Amount].

To acknowledge receipt of this award, as well as confirm your understanding of allowable expenses and appropriate use of the CARES grant funds, please visit [link]. Upon receipt of your acknowledgement, Binghamton University will disburse the funds directly to you either via paper check, or via direct deposit to your bank account on file with the university.

Should you have questions about the CARES grant please contact us via email at finaid@binghamton.edu or by phone at (607) 777-2428.

Best Regards,

Amber Stallman
Director, Financial Aid and Student Records

Binghamton University