Final quarterly report posting which covers all HEERF fund expenditures for Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

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, under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, has distributed the following funds as of the date noted:

- 6/16/20: $4,098,650
- 7/21/20: $5,537,120
- 8/24/20: $5,560,745
- 9/30/20: $5,561,695
- 12/30/20: $6,803,666 (FINAL)

The estimated total number of students eligible to participate in the 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.

Round 1 & 2 = 11,420
Round 3 = 11,647

The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act are as follows:

- 3,186 students as of 6/16/20
- 4,579 students as of 7/21/20
- 4,641 students as of 8/24/20
- 5,923 students as of 9/30/20
- 6,598 students as of 12/30/20 (final)
Binghamton University prioritized awarding of Emergency Financial Aid Grants to FAFSA filers only and in the following manner (methodology):

1st Round CARES Emergency Grant

Undergraduate students received 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 received 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

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 demonstrated additional educational expenses due to the COVID-19 pandemic via an application process. Awards granted via the application process did not exceed $500 per student. Due to limited funding, not all applicants received an award.

Students that received CARES Act funding in the 1st Round were not eligible for additional funding through the application process.

3rd Round CARES Emergency Grant – Fall 2020

Graduate and Undergraduate students received awards in the amount of $626, with Expected Family Contribution (EFC), size of household, and number in college as determinants in the award calculation.

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

In all 3 Rounds, students were required to certify and attest (online via the MyBinghamton portal) to the CARES Act Funding Student Acknowledgement* listed below.

Final cleanup – Fall 2020

Per SUNY approval, all remaining funds were released beginning 12/3/20 through 12/30/20 to students who did not yet certify and attest to the CARES Act Funding Student 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 transitioning 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

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