

## Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act Quarterly Report for Student Portion

For the Period Ending September 30, 2020

As of May 2020, all CARES Act Student Portion Funds were fully distributed.

Per the Department of Education in its May 6, 2020 guidance regarding the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF), the following information must appear in a format and location that is easily accessible to the public 30 days after the date (April 20, 2020) when the institution received its allocation under 18004(a) (1) and updated every 45 days thereafter:

**Requirement:** An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned the certification and agreement form and that the institution has used, or intends to use the funds to provide the mandated amount of at least 50% of the emergency financial aid grants to students.

- Illinois College signed and returned the CARES Act certification and agreement forms and Illinois College has used the funds to provide the mandated amount of at least 50% of the emergency financial aid grants to students.

**Requirement:** The total amount of funds that the institution will receive, or has received under the HEERF student portion.

- Illinois College has received \$619,656 for the HEERF Student Aid Portion, Section 18004(a)(1), and has been awarded \$619,655 for the HEERF Institutional Portion, Section 18004(c). Additionally, Illinois College has been awarded \$60,201 from the HEERF Strengthening Institutions Program, Section 18004(a)(2).

**Requirement:** Of those funds, the total amount that has been distributed to students as of the date of reporting (i.e. the first 30-day deadline, and then every 45 days thereafter).

- Illinois College has distributed \$619,656 (100%) of the Student Aid Portion, Section 18004(a)(1), to students as of July 1, 2020.
- Illinois College has distributed \$495,920 (80%) of the Institutional Portion, Section 18004(c), to students as of July 1, 2020.
- Illinois College has distributed \$0 from the HEERF Strengthening Institutions Program, Section 1800(a)(2) to students as of July 1, 2020.

**Requirement:** 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 therefore eligible to receive an emergency financial aid grant.

- 882 Illinois College students were eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and therefore met one of the eligibility criteria to receive an emergency financial aid grant.
- 675 students met all four eligibility criteria listed in the IC CARES Act Policy Statement on distribution of Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students (see below).

**Requirement:** The total number of students who have received an emergency financial aid grant.

- 375 Illinois College students have received an emergency financial aid grant from the Student Aid Portion, Section 18004(a)(1), of funds that Illinois College received.
- 300 Illinois College students have received an emergency financial aid grant from the Institutional Portion, Section 18004(c), of funds that Illinois College received.

**Requirement:** How the institution determined which students did, or will receive emergency financial aid grants and how much funding they did, or will receive.

- Please see the following excerpt from Illinois College's CARES Act Policy Statement for information on how the College determined which

students received emergency financial aid grants and how much funding they received as of May 31, 2020.

**CARES Act Policy Statement on distribution of Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students** (Approved by Cabinet on April 27, 2020.)

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Pub. L. No. 116-136 (March 27, 2020), authorizes the Secretary of Education to provide emergency financial aid grants to institutions of higher education. Section 18004(c) of the CARES Act requires the recipient institution to use no less than 50 percent of the funds received to provide emergency financial aid grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus (including eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care). Illinois College will administer these funds in accordance with its "Funding Certification and Agreement for the Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CARES Act," dated April 10, 2020.

Section 18004(c) of the CARES Act allows the recipient institution to use up to 50 percent of the funds received to cover any costs associated with significant changes to the delivery of instruction due to the coronavirus so long as such costs do not include payment to contractors for the provision of pre-enrollment recruitment activities, including marketing and advertising; endowments; or capital outlays associated with facilities related to athletics, sectarian instruction, or religious worship ("Recipient's Institutional Costs"). Recipient institutions may, but are not required to, use funds designated for Recipient's Institutional Costs to provide additional emergency financial aid grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus. If the recipient institution chooses to use funds designated for Recipient's Institutional Costs to provide such emergency financial aid grants to students, then the funds are subject to the requirements in the "Funding Certification and Agreement for the Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CARES Act," dated April 10, 2020.

In accordance with the Act and following the subsequent guidance provided by the Department of Education as of April 27, 2020, Illinois College calculated emergency financial aid grants for eligible students for distribution on May 1, 2020. Students were determined to be eligible to receive emergency financial aid grants if they met the following four criteria:

1. Not 100%-online student in spring semester 2020.
2. Lived in campus housing in spring semester 2020 prior to March 13, 2020.
3. Departed campus housing before April 8, 2020, due to concerns about the pandemic.
4. Met criteria for Title IV eligibility: Section 484 of the HEA states that Title IV eligible students must:
  - Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment in a degree or certificate program.
  - Not be enrolled in elementary or secondary school.
  - For currently enrolled students, be making satisfactory academic progress.
  - Not owe 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 a statement of educational purpose.
  - Have presented a Social Security Number to the institution.
  - 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 for drug possession or sale, with certain time limitations.

5. The formula Illinois College used to calculate the amount of emergency financial aid grants for eligible students is:

<b>Date student exited campus residence</b>	<b>Unused portion of campus housing and food costs</b>
<b>March 13 - March 22, 2020</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>March 23 - March 29, 2020</b>	<b>33%</b>
<b>March 30 - April 7, 2020</b>	<b>26%</b>
<b>April 8, 2020 and after</b>	<b>0%</b>

**Requirement:** Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the emergency financial aid grants.

- Illinois College provided this information to students who were eligible through the institutional policy to receive emergency financial aid grants.
  - [CARES Act Recipient Email](#)