CARES Act

Report and Disclosure

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Reporting
Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students -
Western Michigan University

Forty-five Day Report and Disclosure

August 20, 2020

Western Michigan University (WMU) acknowledges it signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education the Certification and Agreement on April 16, 2020, and gives the assurance that WMU will use 50% of the funds received under section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

1. The total amount of funds WMU received on April 29, 2020, from the U.S. Department of Education for distribution to students is $7,743,152.

2. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of August 20, 2020, is $6,207,800.

3. The estimated total number of students at WMU 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 under section 18004(a)(1) of the Cares Act is 12,642.

4. The total number of students who received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of August 20, 2020 is 4,125.

5. The methods used to determine which and how much students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants are as follows -
   • Have been enrolled for classes in the spring 2020 semester as of March 13, 2020
   • In an undergraduate or graduate degree-seeking program (students who were exclusively enrolled in an online distance education program are not eligible)
   • Have a 2019-20 FAFSA on file with Western Michigan University
   • Demonstrate financial need or hardship caused by the COVID-19 pandemic
   • Submit an application using WMU’s ScholarshipUniverse tool

6. The instructions, directions, or guidance provided by WMU to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants were sent via University email, published on the financial aid website https://wmich.edu/finaid/cares, and announced on social media.