

STATEMENT REQUIRED BY CARES ACT CERTIFICATION
AND AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY FINANCIAL GRANTS TO STUDENTS

Eastern Illinois University (EIU) has signed and returned the Certification for the CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund. EIU will use the required amount of the CARES Act money to fund student grants.

EIU anticipates receiving \$27,275,015 of CARES Act funding. \$11,486,499 of which will be used for grants to students.

As of September, 2021, EIU has distributed \$4,790,255 to students under 18004(a)(1) of the Act.

EIU estimates that approximately 3633 students were eligible to receive a CARES Act Phase 1 grant under Section 484 of Title IV. 3633 students received those grants. In Phase I, each eligible student received \$30 per enrolled Spring semester credit hour as of May 12, 2020. This amounted to \$1,457,430.

In Phase 2, students, that met the eligibility requirements, were permitted to apply for another grant based upon need created by the pandemic as it related to the disruption of campus operations, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care and child care. Under Phase 2, EIU issued another 508 grants, totaling \$340,740.

In Phase 3, all incoming Freshman received \$400 to support online learning. These funds were distributed to the students on October 26, 2020. Under Phase 3, EIU distributed \$341,600 to 838 eligible students.

And, finally, EIU identified 61 eligible students that were prohibited from working on campus due to the pandemic. Because of the disruption, we distributed \$12,105 to these students to cover lost wages.

The University has updated its definition of students eligible for CARES grants. The University prioritizes students who are Pell-eligible and those who have exceptional need that have enrolled on or after March 13, 2020.

In Phase 4 of the distribution of funding received, the University distributed to 4989 eligible students \$1,897,430. Students that were Pell-eligible during the spring semester received \$50 per enrolled credit hour and students that were not Pell-eligible received \$20 per enrolled credit hour.

In Phase 5 of the distribution, the University distributed to 920 eligible students \$740,950. Students that were Pell-eligible received \$850 for the fall semester and students that were not Pell-eligible received \$750. The funding was to permit social distancing with in the student's place of residence if the student so desired to social distance.

Instructions for applying for and receiving HEERF Student Assistance are located on EIU's Financial Aid and Scholarships website under COVID.