

Quarterly Reports for CARES Act – Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)

Title: "CARES Act - Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund – Reporting"

Report Name: Quarterly Report – CARES Act – Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) – Strengthening Institution Program (SIP) – September 30, 2020

Funding Application Date: April 30, 2020

Date Funding Received: May 28, 2020

Federally Required Posting Date: September 30, 2020

Additional Information: [CARES Act: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund](#)

For recipients of the CARES Act - Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) Strengthening Institution Program (SIP), the recipient will comply with all reporting requirements including those in Section 15011(b)(2) of Division B of the CARES Act and submit required quarterly reports to the Secretary, at such time and in such manner and containing such information as the Secretary may reasonably require (See also 2 CFR 200.327-200.329).

Date of Report: September 30, 2020

In compliance with requirements of the CARES Act, Hagerstown Community College submits the following quarterly report.

Acknowledgement

Hagerstown Community College acknowledges that it signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education the Certification and Agreement for Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund-Strengthening Institutions Program under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act on April 30, 2020 and assures that it intends to use the funds received as permitted under Section 18004(a)(2) of the CARES Act.

Amount of Funds Received

Hagerstown Community College received \$115,250.00 from the U.S. Department of Education pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund-Strengthening Institutions Program on May 28, 2020.

Total amount of scholarship funds distributed to students

As of September 30, 2020, the total amount of scholarship funds which Hagerstown Community College has expended under Section 18004(a)(2) of the CARES Act is \$91,932. Please see [CARES Act: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund](#) for information regarding Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

Estimated Number of Eligible Students

134 eligible students: The offer was open to 2020 high school/homeschool graduates from Washington County and HCC's neighboring out-of-state counties (Franklin County, PA; Fulton County, PA; Berkeley County, WV; Jefferson County, WV; and Morgan County, WV), who completed the 19-20 FAFSA. This opportunity was open to the first 100 students who applied. Based on the HCC received 321 applications.

Number of Students Receiving Grants

As of September 30, 2020, 106 Hagerstown Community College students have received scholarship funds under Section 18004(a)(2) of the CARES Act. Please see [CARES Act: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund](#) for information regarding Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

Method Used to Determine Which Students Received Grants and Amounts

- 1) **Method:** We awarded on a first come basis. Once students had submitted all required documents, we reached out to each student to help them register for classes. Our Student Financial Aid Office determined if a student was eligible for Dual Enrollment Pell Grant or the Graduation Gift funding by looking at each student's 2019-2020 FAFSA.
- 2) **Amounts:** The amounts are determined by Student Type (in-county or neighbor rate tuition) and by enrollment (the number of enrolled credits in a student's program of study for up to 2 courses).

Instructions to Students

- 1) [The Grad Gift opportunity was announced on April 27, 2020](#) for 2020 high school graduates to take one or two online classes at Hagerstown Community College this summer, with no charge for tuition.
- 2) Each student is responsible for textbook costs and college/course fees.
- 3) The offer was open to 2020 high school/homeschool graduates from Washington County and HCC's neighboring out-of-state counties (Franklin County, PA; Fulton County, PA; Berkeley County, WV; Jefferson County, WV; and Morgan County, WV).
- 4) This opportunity was open to the first 100 students who applied.
- 5) Applications closed May 15, 2020.
- 6) Students may select one or two courses beginning May 26, June 29, or July 13, but must be enrolled by May 26, 2020.
- 7) Students may drop courses or withdraw, with no grade penalty, according to dates set in the Summer 2020 Registration Calendar.
- 8) Additional instructions may be found here: <https://www.hagerstowncc.edu/gradgift>

Steps to Apply (must be completed by May 15)

- 1) *Completion of the online Application for Admission. Students who have completed a course in the ESSENCE Program do not need to reapply. Each student must know their HCC student ID number and login information.*
- 2) *Submit a high school transcript to the Admissions Office (admissions@hagerstowncc.edu), showing a 3.0 GPA or SAT/ACT/AP or PARCC scores to indicate that you do not need placement testing. If you need placement testing, you must test by May 15. Testing information, including exemptions to placement tests, can be found on our Future Students page.*

- 3) *Submit the 2019-2020 FAFSA at www.studentaid.gov. Funding for the Grad Gift is not based on need. The FAFSA is used for program administration.*
- 4) *Complete and submit this Grad Gift application form.*

NOTE:

After the May 15 deadline, you will be contacted via your HCC college email with instructions on how to register for your class(es). You must be registered by May 26, 2020.

It is each student's responsibility to submit a copy of your high school diploma and any additional requested paperwork to the HCC Student Financial Aid to remain eligible for this funding. Students who receive this funding must be Title IV eligible. Students must be meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress and are required to complete financial aid verification paperwork.