

SE CARES Act, HEERF-MSI Report

Southeastern Oklahoma State University

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Background

The Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Section 18004(a)(2) of the CARES Act of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund, Minority Serving Institution, Pub. L. No. 116-136, was signed on March 27, 2020. Native American students that were eligible for a portion of the CARES Act Student Emergency Funds. These funds were designated to provide emergency financial aid grants to Native American students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus (including eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care).

As part of the reporting requirements by the Department of Education, Southeastern Oklahoma State University is responding to the following items provided by the federal government.

Item 1

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 maximum possible amount of the award towards financial aid grants to Native American students.

- Southeastern Oklahoma State University signed the certification and agreement form on May 6, 2020, and returned it on May 7, 2020.

Item 2

The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received under the HEERF-MSI.

- Southeastern Oklahoma State University received \$238,130 under the HEERF-MSI of the CARES Act.

Item 3

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

- As of August 15, 2020, \$113,966.37 were distributed to eligible Native American students.

Item 4

The estimated total number of Native American 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.

- Based on federal guidance, the number of Native American students eligible to receive the emergency financial aid grant is 760.

Item 5

The total number of Native American students who have received an emergency financial aid grant.

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Item 6

How the institution determined which Native American students did or will receive emergency financial aid grants and how much funding they did or will receive.

- Native American student's eligibility is based on their ability to apply for or have previously applied for Federal Financial Aid or Title IV aid such as Pell, SEOG, Federal Work-Study, Student Loans. Based on Federal guidance, concurrent students, students who previously identified as a felon, international students (except for those possessing a permanent resident card-Green Card), and students enrolled in fully online programs were not eligible.
- The amount was calculated based on each Native American student's number of credit hours enrolled as of March 13, 2020 multiplied by a per credit hour rate – generally between \$11.00 and \$12.00 per credit hour.

Item 7

Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to Native American students concerning the emergency financial aid grants.

- Communication and guidance is provided to the Native American students including a FAQ located at <https://www.se.edu/student-wellness/coronavirus-update/> along with email communications to those Native American students eligible.