

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund – Student Aid Fund Report
As of September 30, 2020

The [CARES Act](#) Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund- Student Aid (HEERF) provides funding to institutions to provide emergency financial aid grants to students whose lives have been disrupted, many of whom are facing financial challenges and struggling to make ends meet. Students cannot apply for assistance directly from the U.S. Department of Education (DOE) but should contact their institutions for further information and guidance. Institutions have the responsibility of determining how grants will be distributed to students, how the amount of each student grant is calculated, and the development of any instructions or directions that are provided to students about the HEERF.

DI student welfare is our top priority and the HEERF will help mitigate COVID-19 related financial burdens for eligible students during this troubling time. We take receipt of these federal funds seriously and are distributing them in accordance with the HEERF guidance. This Fund Report applies to the student portion received under the HEERF that is designated exclusively for emergency financial aid grants to students.

DI has accepted \$149,639 from the U.S. Department of Education HEERF. In order to receive the first half of the funding (\$74,820.00), DI signed and entered into a Funding Certification and Agreement for the Student Portion on April 29, 2020. DI will distribute to students no less than 50% of the total funds received under the HEERF Program.

Award

- The total amount of funds that DI has received from the DOE pursuant to the HEERF – Student Portion is: **\$74,820.00**.
- The total amount of the HEERF funds distributed to students as of September 30, 2020 is: **\$70,044.00**.
- The estimated total number of DI students eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, and thus eligible for HEERF funds, as of September 30, 2020 is: **113**.
- The total number of DI students who have received HEERF funds as of September 30, 2020 is: **99**.

Eligibility

- Any student who was/is enrolled and in good standing at DI during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Any student who has completed a HEERF application.
- Any student who is Title IV eligible. In order to be Title IV eligible, a student must have completed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Application

If you have not filled out the HEERF (Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund) application yet,
[Download the HEERF application here.](#)

Determination and Distribution of Funds

The Director of Financial Aid (Director) reviewed several alternative ways to distribute funds to DI students and recommended that the initial distribution of funds are as follows:

- \$800.00 per qualifying student who has received a Pell Grant.
- \$400.00 per qualifying student who has not received a Pell Grant.

This decision was based on the current DI student population and ensures HEERF grant funds remain available to all who apply and are eligible to receive a grant.

The remaining funds after the initial distribution will be available for funding to DI students through an open application process. Depending on need, DI students may receive a revised or supplemental award of an aggregate amount not to exceed \$6,195 per student, which is the 2019-2020 Federal Pell Grant maximum amount permitted. Written documentation is required from each DI student detailing the reasons additional funds are necessary.

Contact Us

If you have any questions or need additional information about this Fund Report, HEERF or have COVID-19 financial hardship, please contact [Jackie Gloria](#), Director of Financial Aid.