

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

Congress passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) in response to the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The CARES Act established the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) to provide students with emergency financial aid.

In order to award HEERF funds to students, the Department of Education (ED) requires all institutions to provide regular information regarding the funding, awarding and number of students receiving these emergency grants.

- The Department of Education notified Logan University that it was approved to receive HEERF funds totaling \$224,284 of which \$112,142 (50%) was to be awarded in direct emergency grants to students. The university completed the necessary certification and agreement for the funds while developing a process to award the emergency grants to students.
- In order to qualify for the emergency grants, students had to be eligible for Title IV funding as part of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and enrolled in on-campus courses as of March 13. At the time this funding was made available, Logan University had an estimated 735 students who could be eligible.
- All students wishing to receive the emergency grant needed to submit an application requesting the funds. Applications were reviewed and, if approved, received grants ranging between \$50 to \$500 per application. Approved requests had to meet Title IV eligibility, qualifying expenses, and enrollment criteria.
- All eligible students received an email solicitation to apply for the emergency grants as well posting the information regarding the grants on the Logan University website.
- As of September 1, 2020, the fund has been exhausted. The full amount of \$112,142 has been awarded to 266 students.