

HEERF Student Aid Allocation - FINAL REPORT

As required under Section 18004(e) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Donnelly College is reporting the use of funds distributed from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF).

1. On April 24, 2020, Donnelly College signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education the Certification and Agreement for its allocation of funds. On May 5, 2020 and May 7, 2020, Donnelly received two Grant Award Notifications indicating that Student Aid and Institutional funds totaling \$294,832 had been awarded under Section 19004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. As required, Donnelly will utilize no less than 50% of this total (\$147,416 out of \$294,832) to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
2. \$294,832: Represents the total amount of funds that Donnelly has received from the U.S. Department of Education under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. \$147,416: Represents 50% of this total and is the minimum amount that Donnelly will use to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
3. \$147,416: Represents the total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to eligible Donnelly students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of December 31, 2020.
4. 361: Represents the total number of students at Donnelly College eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act (HEA) of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
5. 184: Represents the total number of Donnelly students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of December 31, 2020.
6. Describe the method(s) used by Donnelly College to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

Due to the transition to distance learning necessitated by coronavirus midway through the Spring 2020 semester, Donnelly College created an application for students to apply for assistance under the Act. Students were required to be degree- or certificate-seeking and have current enrollment in at least six credit hours. Per the Department of Education guidance, students must not have been enrolled in all-online programs prior to March 13, 2020. Donnelly College does not have any programs which are offered exclusively online.

Initial grants were funded to eligible students at a flat rate of \$500 per student. Applications were reviewed to ensure that the requested funds would be used to cover expenses related to the disruption of campus activities due to COVID-19, including eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance such as tuition, food, housing, course materials, technology, healthcare, and childcare. Title IV-eligible students with remaining need were invited to apply for additional funds up to \$300.

For the Summer 2020 semester, Donnelly awarded \$500 to any student who met eligibility requirements and was enrolled in a minimum of six or more credit hours. An application to

apply for additional assistance (up to \$300) was also made available to students enrolled in summer 2020 courses.

During the Fall 2020 semester Title IV-eligible nursing students with financial need were invited to apply for remaining funds. Nursing students were given preference because they are not eligible for other institutional aid.

7. Describe instructions, directions, or guidance provided by Donnelly College to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

All Spring 2020 students were notified by email of the availability of CARES Act funding on April 28, 2020. All Title IV/Pell-eligible students (those with a FAFSA on file) were notified that they would be emailed a link to an application form to complete entitled "CARES Act funding."

Donnelly also posted information on its website and social media directing students to check their Donnelly student emails for information on how to apply for CARES Act grants. Faculty and staff were notified of the application availability via internal communications and were advised to encourage eligible students to complete the application.

On May 12, 2020, eligible students were sent an email notifying them of the opportunity to apply for additional funds up to \$300. The email included a link to an online application form.

During the week of September 7, 2020, the Director of Nursing verbally notified Title-IV-eligible nursing students that additional funds were available to them based on financial need. Students were directed to request an additional grant by submitting a request to the Director of Nursing. Nursing students were prioritized for support because they are not eligible for other institutional aid.

All funds were expended by December 31, 2020.

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