

College of Saint Mary

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund 45-Day Report

July 9, 2020

1. On April 15, 2020 College of Saint Mary signed and returned to the US Department of Education the Certification and Agreement for HEERF funds to comply with Section 18004(e) of the CARES Act. College of Saint Mary has/will use no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
2. College of Saint Mary received \$527,655 on April 25, 2020 from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
3. A total of \$527,655 Emergency Financial Aid Grants has been distributed directly to students under the CARES Act as of July 9, 2020.
4. College of Saint Mary had 823 Title IV eligible students enrolled as of March 13, 2020, excluding those who were enrolled in online programs, and therefore eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants under the CARES Act.
5. As of July 9, 2020, 560 students have received Emergency Financial Aid Grants under the CARES Act.
6. Eligible students were offered the opportunity to submit an application to indicate the amount of expenses they incurred since March 13, 2020 as the result of disruptions to campus operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Recipients were chosen based on two factors: the amount requested in the application and students with high financial need as shown on their FAFSA.
7. Students were given the following instructions and guidance:

College of Saint Mary takes seriously our mission to provide education that is accessible and affordable. We care for you, our students, and want to support our campus community through this difficult time. We have applied for and received funding from the federal government to assist you. The funding, from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF), provides money to be used as emergency financial aid grants for student expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the COVID-19 crisis.

To be eligible you must meet the following qualifications:

- Enrolled at CSM for Spring 2020 past March 13, 2020
- FAFSA on file with CSM*
- Eligible for federal financial aid (also known as Title IV aid, such as Federal Pell Grant or Federal Direct Loan)
- Have incurred an eligible expense related to COVID-19 on or after March 13, 2020

If you have been financially impacted due to the disruption of campus operations, please indicate in your application the reason(s) for your difficulty and the amount you are requesting. We will do our best to honor your request. Please note that these funds are limited, so we ask that you base your request on the amount of your impact, so that funds will be allocated equitably, according to need. If you do not need an emergency grant, please indicate that you have no need at this time, but know that we are here to support you if you need assistance in the future.

Please note, international students, students with DACA status, undocumented students, students not enrolled in a degree or certificate program, and students enrolled in an online program are not eligible for HEERF funds.

*If you have not completed the FAFSA for 2019-2020, but wish to apply for these funds, or have questions about eligibility, contact Financial Aid at finaid@csm.edu.