

# CARES HEERF Policy & Disclosures

## UPDATED August 5, 2020

Section 18004(a)(1) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Pub. L. No. 116-136 (March 27, 2020), authorizes the Secretary of Education to allocate grant funds from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) to schools participating in Federal Financial Aid.

### **HEERF Student Grant Funds**

Section 18004(c) of the CARES Act requires no less than fifty percent of the HEERF funds received be used to provide emergency financial aid grants to 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).

- 1) New Castle School of Trades acknowledges that it signed and returned to ED the certification agreement for HEERF funding and the assurance that it will use, no less than 50% of the total HEERF funding to provide emergency student grants.
- 2) The total amount of funds the institution received from ED for emergency student grants is \$536,712.00.
- 3) The total amount of emergency student grants distributed to students as of the date of this disclosure, 8/05/2020, is \$413,600.00
- 4) The estimated total number of students eligible for student grants is 455.
- 5) The total number of students that have received an emergency grant as of the date of this disclosure, (8/05/2020), is 376
- 6) The institution's (New Castle School of Trades) methodology for determining which students received grants and how much each would receive is:
  - A) The number of students enrolled that are Title IV eligible and incurred expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID 19.
  - B) Assuming all students are eligible, the school allocated \$1,100.00 per student. This totals \$500,500.00 in grants.
  - C) Each eligible student was sent a link to the school's request for grant funds form. If the student did not have COVID related expenses they can choose to "Opt Out" or if they do have qualifying expenses they enter yes indicating they do have qualifying expenses

and understand that the grant is to be used for only these.. If the student had COVID related expenses, they would fill out the form attesting to the qualifying expenses and submit the form. Once the school receives a qualifying response, a check is mailed to the student.

- D) The school retained \$36,212.00 for future COVID related expenses some students may encounter. Any student that Opts Out or does not submit a grant request for qualified expenses, their allotted \$1,100.00 would be put into the retainage account and disbursed to students with additional qualified expenses.
- E) All funds will be disbursed by December 31, 2020
- 7) The School emailed each eligible student announcing the availability of the Grant program and provided a link to the Grant Request Form. The Link is:  
[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ngbwCgyYfUui9ElopQywiNqmQKC\\_VxDo1g8dnVx2bNUMIVIR0RPVUEzVFhMWDAtzUTFBRU44QUY5VC4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ngbwCgyYfUui9ElopQywiNqmQKC_VxDo1g8dnVx2bNUMIVIR0RPVUEzVFhMWDAtzUTFBRU44QUY5VC4u) A Copy of this form is shown on the following pages.

## **HEERF Institutional Grant Funds**

Section 18004(c) of the CARES Act allows the recipient to use up to 50 percent of the funds received to cover any costs associated with significant changes to the delivery of instruction due to the coronavirus so long as such costs do not include payment to contractors for the provision of pre-enrollment recruitment activities, including marketing and advertising; endowments; or capital outlays associated with facilities related to athletics, sectarian instruction, or religious worship (collectively referred to as "Recipient's Institutional Costs").

The recipient may, but is not required to, use funds designated for Recipient's Institutional Costs to provide additional emergency financial aid grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus.

- 1) The total amount of funds the school received for Institutional costs is \$536,711.00. The school has not determined the use for these funds as of 8/05/2020