CARES ACT HEERF EMERGENCY FINANCIAL AID GRANTS PUBLIC DISCLOSURES

This webpage is designed to disclose various CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) Emergency Financial Aid Grant facts and data required in HUC-JIR's CARES Act Certification and Agreement.

Overview and Reporting Requirements

Section 18004(a)(1) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act authorized the Secretary of Education (Secretary) to allocate formula grant funds to the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) in the amount of $52,084.00. Section 18004(c) of the CARES Act requires to provide emergency financial aid grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of HUC-JIR campus operations due to coronavirus.

On April 27, 2020, HUC-JIR executed a CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) Certification and Agreement with the U.S. Department of Education (DOE) that provides assurance that HUC-JIR intends to make Emergency Financial Aid Grants available to students and directs HUC-JIR to submit a report to the Secretary describing the use of funds distributed from the HEERF.

Allocation and Award Data

- HUC-JIR received $52,084 (50% of the total allocation) from the DOE pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
- As of June 3, 2020, HUC-JIR has distributed $49,800 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants to 68 students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act for both award categories listed in the next section of this webpage.
- HUC-JIR estimates as of June 3, 2020, that 175 students are eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

Categories/Methods

HUC-JIR has established two categories of students eligible to receive CARES Act Section 18004(a)(1) Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

Category 1: Year in Israel First Year Students

- Eligible students receive a fixed emergency grant in the amount of $1000.
- Eligibility criteria:
    - All Title IV eligible students with a completed 2019-20 FAFSA
    - Students are required to have been enrolled in spring 2020 semester course(s) at the time of the award.
    - Students must be continuing students
- Students enrolled exclusively in distance learning courses are ineligible to receive these fixed grants (because there was no disruption in campus operations and exclusively online students were excluded from the original allocation formula).
- Fixed Grants in the amount of $1000 were awarded to Year in Israel students due to the following:
    - All eligible students experienced a COVID-19 campus operations disruption when HUC-JIR moved all face-to-face classes to online learning classes.
    - Students submitted a CARES Act Relief Fund for Students Certification Form that in which students certified that they had hardship in one or all of the following categories:
        - unexpected travel costs, technology (including emergency computer/laptop expenses and wifi changes), food, housing, course materials, health care, and childcare.
- As of May 13, 2020, HUC-JIR has distributed $16,000 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants to 16 Year in Israel students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
- HUC-JIR provided the following instructions, directions, or guidance to students concerning the Year in Israel Student Emergency Financial Aid Grants:
    - An email to all Year in Israel students offering a $1000 HEERF Emergency Grant to students who submit a Emergency Financial Aid Grant Certification form and have a completed 2019-20 FAFSA on file.
    - A CARES Act Relief Fund for Students Certification Form for students to fill out, sign and return to the HUC-JIR Financial Aid Office.

Category 2: Stateside Students

- Eligible stateside students received a grant of $650 each. Originally, it was advertised to students that the grant would be $500 each. However, the Cares Act Committee for Students decided to raise the grant by $150 each based on the number of students who have submitted the CARES Act Relief Fund for Students Certification Form by May 14th.
- Eligibility criteria:
    - All Title IV eligible students with a completed 2019-20 FAFSA
    - Students are required to have been enrolled in spring 2020 semester course(s) at the time of the award.
    - Students must be continuing students

- Students enrolled exclusively distance learning courses are ineligible to receive these fixed grants (because there was no disruption in campus operations and exclusively online students were excluded from the original allocation formula).
- Fixed Grants in the amount of $650 were awarded to stateside students due to the following:
    - All eligible students experienced a COVID-19 campus operations disruption when HUC-JIR moved all face-to-face classes to online learning classes.
    - Students submitted a CARES Act Relief Fund for Students Certification Form students certified that they had hardship in the following categories:
        - unexpected travel costs, technology (including emergency computer/laptop expenses and wifi changes), food, housing, course materials, health care, and childcare.
- As of May 20, 2020, HUC-JIR has distributed $33,800 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants to 52 students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act for Stateside Students.
- HUC-JIR provided the following instructions, directions, or guidance to students concerning the Stateside Student Emergency Financial Aid Grants:
    - An email to all stateside students offering a HEERF Emergency Grant to students who submit a Emergency Financial Aid Grant Certification form and have a completed 2019-20 FAFSA on file.
    - An Emergency Financial Aid Grant Certification Form for students to fill out, sign and return to the HUC-JIR Financial Aid Office.