

# Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Report

## Southwestern Law School Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Report –

### Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

45 Day Final Funding Report – Distribution as of September 24, 2020

Under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF), **Southwestern Law School – OPEID 00129500** received education stabilization funds designated exclusively for emergency financial aid grants to students.

Pursuant to guidance issued by the Department of Education through an [Electronic Announcement](#) published on August 31, 2020, (which superseded the Electronic Announcement published on May 6<sup>th</sup>) we are providing the following information about the funds we have received, and how, and to whom, we have distributed them.

1. On June 3, 2020, the institution signed and returned to the Department the **Recipient's Funding Certification and Agreement (for) Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students** required to receive funds allocated under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. The institution has used, or intends to use, no less than 100 percent of these funds received to provide emergency financial aid grants to students. Additionally, on July 22, 2020, the institution signed and returned to the Department the **Recipient's Funding Certification and Agreement (for) Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students** required to receive funds allocated under Section 18004(a)(3) of the CARES Act. This institution has used 100 percent of these funds received to provide emergency financial aid grants to students.
2. The total amount of funds that the institution has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreements (as described in #1 above) specifically for emergency financial aid grants to students is \$106,060. The institution has received an additional \$393,940 from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreements (as described in #1 above). The institution has decided to use 100 percent of these additional funds received to provide emergency financial aid grants to students.
3. The total amount of emergency financial aid grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of the date of this Fund Report is \$212,120. Additionally, the total amount of emergency financial aid grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(3) of the CARES Act as of the date of this Fund Report is \$287,880.

4. The estimated total number of students at the institution eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, and thus potentially qualified to receive emergency financial aid grants under both Sections 18004(a)(1) and 18004(a)(3) of the CARES Act, as of the date of this Fund Report is 845 students.
5. The total number of students who have received an emergency financial aid grant under both Sections 18004(a)(1) and 18004(a)(3) of the CARES Act as of the date of this Fund Report is 503 students.
6. The methods we used to determine which students receive emergency financial aid grants and how much they would receive under both Sections 18004(a)(1) and 18004(a)(3) of the CARES Act are included below under "Student Emergency Funding Allocation".
7. The COVID Grant Form we provided to students concerning the emergency financial aid grant appear below under "Student Notices".

### **Student Emergency Funding Allocation**

All students in a school status of Active and enrolled, who have been determined eligible for Title IV funds, have been sent a Southwestern Law School COVID Grant Form to complete electronically. Students that have not completed a FAFSA or whom have been identified as not being eligible for Title IV funds have been contacted separately; we have requested that they complete a FAFSA to determine their eligibility.

This process of identifying additional eligible students that are in a school status of Active and enrolled will be repeated during the *summer, fall and spring* terms; these additional students will also be sent the Southwestern Law School COVID Grant Form to complete so they can be funded.

The form provides information about the emergency financial grant, including eligibility requirements. Students are requested to check applicable areas in which they need financial support for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the Coronavirus (including education expenses, course materials, technology, food, housing, healthcare and childcare). The form requires the student's signature and attestation that the information provided is correct, and that they understand the purpose for the emergency financial aid grant funds.

Once the completed form has been received, students are awarded up to a total of \$1,000 each. Students are scheduled to receive their funding in the particular term requested. Students that withdraw or graduate from school will not receive payment(s) from the emergency financial aid grant. We will continue this process until all funds have been fully disbursed.

In addition to providing funds to all students in a school status of Active and enrolled, we have begun to analyze responses provided by student on their Southwestern Law School COVID

Grant Form. Where students indicate that they have extenuating circumstances and need for financial support for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the Coronavirus (including education expenses, course materials, technology, food, housing, healthcare and childcare), we will award additional funds if available. The amount awarded will be based on each student's scenario.

We have posted information on this emergency financial aid grant to our website and sent multiple communications to our students to notify them of the availability of these emergency financial aid funds. We began sending the Southwestern Law School COVID Grant Form to students on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

## Students Notices

### Southwestern CARES Fund

The U.S. Department of Education has made available Emergency Financial Aid Grants that Southwestern Law School can distribute to students who are eligible to receive Title IV Federal Financial Aid, and who need financial support for their expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the Coronavirus (including education expenses, course materials, technology, food, housing, healthcare and childcare). This request form allows students to request these need-based grants. Our CARES committee will use the information you provide below to determine your award amount. Please fill out the information requested below and submit it to us at your earliest convenience.

For any questions regarding the CARES Fund, please contact [southwesterncares@swlaw.edu](mailto:southwesterncares@swlaw.edu)

\* Required

First Name \*

Your answer

Last Name \*

Your answer

Student ID Number \*

Your answer

Email \*

Your answer

Daytime Phone Number \*

Your answer

Check all expenses you have incurred: \*

Education expenses / Course Materials / Technology

Food / Housing

Healthcare / Childcare

Job loss / Furlough

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

I attest all the information is true and accurate, that I am eligible for Title IV Federal Financial Aid and I understand that any money received is intended to cover my expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the Coronavirus pandemic. I understand I will be unable to revise this request after submitting it and I understand the administration at my school will determine my eligibility for grant monies based on my responses to the questions above. \*

Yes

Student Name \*

Your answer \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID \*

Your answer \_\_\_\_\_