

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Reporting- Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

July 6, 2020

On April 25, 2020, Stark State College (SSC) received funding to provide emergency grants to students for unforeseen expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus. The funding is from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) distributed from the Higher Education Emergency Relief fund (HEERF). SSC must report to the public within 30 days of receipt of the funds how the funds are being used and update every 45 days thereafter. Please find our 45-day report below.

1. Stark State College signed and returned the Certification and Agreement acknowledging the HEERF Emergency Grant funds to the U. S. Department of Education through grants.gov on April 16, 2020. SSC received notification that the funding was approved on April 25, 2020. SSC is committed to using no less than 50 percent of the funds received to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
2. Stark State College received \$2,518,150 in emergency grant funds for students.
3. Stark State College has distributed \$807,040 to students as of June 29, 2020.

Term	Dollars Distributed
Spring 2020	472,366
Summer (through 6/29/2020)	334,674
Total	807,040

4. Stark State College estimates the number of students eligible to participate in Title IV programs is 5,477 (4,316 for Spring Semester and 1,161 for Summer Semester based on IPEDS 14th Day Title IV reporting).
5. A total of 1,801 students have received HEERF Emergency Grant funding as of June 29, 2020.

Term	Number of Students
Spring 2020	1,066
Summer (through 6/29/2020)	735
Total	1,801

6. Stark State College uses an application process in awarding CARES Act Emergency Grant funds to students available through the student portal, Mystarkstate. Students are able to check a box for the qualifying categories and request the amount of emergency aid

needed. Summer Semester individual student awards were \$500 or less. Summer Semester applications are available to students from May 27 through August 9, 2020, the end of the Summer Term.

7. Every currently enrolled student for Summer Semester 2020 as of May 27, 2020 was sent an individual email inviting and instructing them to apply for CARES Act Emergency funding. On May 28, 2020, the campus community was also sent an email notifying them of the Emergency Grant Opportunity available to students. Additionally, on June 18, 2020, a subsequent email to potentially eligible students was sent encouraging application. Stark State College's Cares Act Emergency Funding webpage and the Frequently Asked Questions were updated on May 27, 2020. The webpage and FAQs include information on how to apply, eligibility requirements, and a Frequently Asked Questions and Answers section. A slider with the link to the CARES Act Emergency Funding is visible on the homepage of the Stark State College website during the Summer 2020 application period.