

**Emergency Student Financial Aid Grant Survey**

Prepared for the quarter ending:

6/30/2021

To comply with the U.S. Department of Education public reporting requirements for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

Institution	Acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used the applicable amount of funds designated under CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students*	Emergency Student Aid Awarded through HEERF I, II & III - The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under CRRSAA and ARP (a) (1) and (a) (4) programs.	Emergency Student Aid from HEERF I, II & III Disbursed as of 06/30/2021 - The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under CRRSAA and ARP as of the date of the submission (i.e., as of the initial report and every calendar quarter thereafter).	Estimated Number of Students Eligible to Receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants - The estimated total number of students at the institution eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under CRRSAA and ARP (a) (1) and (a) (4) programs. **	Total Number of Students who have Received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a) (4) programs.	The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.	Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning Emergency Financial Aid Grants
Dalton State College	Institution drew down funds within 90 days as acceptance	\$ 16,779,865	\$ 2,403,646	4,682	4,682	Students were awarded based on their financial need from the FAFSA data. In addition to the awards that were given out to eligible students, \$148,655 was deposited in an emergency student aid fund open to all currently enrolled students except for non-United States citizens or eligible non-citizen students and dual enrolled students. No award will exceed a maximum of \$6,000.	See attached.

\*If the acknowledgement form was provided under CARES ACT for HEERF I a new form is not required under HEERF II and HEERF III. The drawdown of funds within 90 days acts as acceptance.

\*Note: For the initial report and each report thereafter, institutions should use data suppression and other methodologies to protect the personally identifiable information from student education records consistent with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (20 U.S.C.

1232(<https://www.govinfo.gov/link/uscode/20/1232?type=usc&year=mostrecent&link-type=html>);34 CFR part 99 (/select-citation/2020/08/31/34-CFR-99)). This means that if the total number of eligible students or the total number of students who received Emergency Financial Aid Grants is less than 10, but not 0, then the institution must display the total number of students eligible and/or the total number of students who received Emergency Financial Aid Grants as less than 10 (“< 10”) on the publicly available websites controlled by the institution.

## Dalton State College CARES Funding Distribution Plan – February 2021

Dalton State proposes to distribute the \$2,384,155 in CARES Act Emergency Aid to students in the following manner. By awarding the greatest amount to Pell recipients and then a lesser amount to any student who has completed a FAFSA we are prioritizing those with exceptional need. No student's aggregate award will exceed the maximum Federal Pell grant limit of \$6,495. Only students who are citizens or eligible non-citizens may receive the grants.

- \$1,552,000 - \$800 will be distributed immediately to the currently enrolled 1,940 PELL recipients.
- \$683,500 - \$500 will be distributed immediately to 1,367 students who have completed a FAFSA (and did not qualify for item #1).
- \$148,655 will be deposited in an emergency student aid fund open to all currently enrolled students except for non-United States citizens or eligible non-citizen students and dual enrolled students. No award will exceed a maximum of \$6,000.

Qualified students may apply for financial assistance from the fund which can be used to alleviate financial challenges resulting from health or medical needs, travel assistance, housing assistance, financial support, food insecurity or other needs.

An announcement on the GA View homepage provides students with a link to the emergency aid request on the dean of students' homepage. Students and employees will also be notified of the fund via email. [https://www.daltonstate.edu/campus\\_life/student\\_emergency\\_fund.cms](https://www.daltonstate.edu/campus_life/student_emergency_fund.cms)

The link takes students to an application where a student outlines financial needs and the amount of funding requested. Students may also attach supporting documentation such as a bill. Students are encouraged to provide as much detail and supporting documentation as possible in the request. Applications are routed for review to staff in the dean of student's office, the office of financial aid, and the office of the vice president for student affairs and enrollment management. At least two of the three offices must approve the request before funds are awarded. Where possible, the college will assist students through pre-existing resource areas such as the food pantry. Any cash assistance will be refunded using a student's Bank Mobile account.