

CARES Act Fund: October 1, 2020

Simpson University (SU), in compliance with:

1. Section 18004(e) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, which first required that each institution applying for funding from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) submit an initial report to the Secretary of Education within 30 days and update the report every 45 days thereafter. Guidance for compliance with the reporting requirement provided by ED on May 6, 2020, is;

Reporting in a format and location easily accessible to the public for the period ending September 30, 2020. Going forward, this report will continue to be updated and posted quarterly.

1. The method(s) used by SU to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act are as follows:
 - SU had received an official 2019-2020 FAFSA of April 27, 2020.
 - Enrolled degree-seeking for spring 2020 term as of April 27, 2020.
 - Lived on campus as of March 13, 2020.
 - Not enrolled exclusively in an online program, defined as an educational program that has no residential classes over the course of the entire program.
 - Meet Title IV Federal Financial Aid eligibility requirements.
 - Maintaining the minimum requirements of Satisfactory Academic Progress
2. As of September 30, 2020, the total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is 175.
3. The estimated total number of SU students 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 is approximately 215.
4. As of September 30, 2020, SU has distributed \$224,400 of the Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. SU provides students with notice of award status in advance and expedites the distribution of funds immediately thereafter.

5. As of September 30th, 2020 SU received \$446,215 from ED pursuant to SU's Certification and Agreement (for) Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
6. On April 22, 2020, SU signed and returned to ED the Certification and Agreement (for) Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. In doing so, SU provided ED the assurance that SU intends to use no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
 - a. In accordance with ED's direction, SU is prioritizing the distribution of funds to eligible students demonstrating the greatest need. SU students with unforeseen expenses related to their costs of attendance (e.g. food, housing, course materials, technology, healthcare, childcare, and transportation) due to COVID-19-related campus operations disruptions.
7. Instructions concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants are provided to students by email. All students received email notifications about the program. The below email was sent to students:

Our community has demonstrated resilience and courage as we have responded to COVID-19 and we are here to support you during this time. A few weeks ago, you should have received a message from me indicating that you may receive grant funds for the Spring 2020 semester as a result of the CARES Act Fund. Since that time, Simpson University has been diligently working with the federal government to award emergency grants to qualifying students.

However, we need to follow protocol as universities who receive federal funds will be audited later in the year to assure that we used government resources as directed. Therefore, please follow the steps below in order to help us speed along receipt of your funds. To view your award, log into your student portal, and click on "Financial Aid," and then click on "My Awards" for 2019-20.

1. You must verify that you have experienced negative effects due to the current COVID - 19 crisis and the subsequent disruption to the Simpson University campus operations. If your answer is yes, you can access the certification by clicking this link: [Self-Service](#)

2. By accepting the award, you are completing the Certification of Negative Impact and authorizing Simpson to send you your grant via your direct deposit information.

3. Go to the Student Account Center in the student portal and update your "Direct Deposit Information" by clicking this link: [Student Account Center](#) and making sure it is current. Also, be sure your mailing address is correct if you choose a check as your disbursement method. Make sure you do the above by May 30, 2020 so we can disburse your grant by June 2, 2020.