

Q1 2021 HEERF II & III: March 30<sup>th</sup> 2021

Simpson University (SU), in compliance with:

1. Section 314(e) of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA), which directs institutions receiving funds from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) to submit reports to the Secretary of Education describing the use of the funds distributed from the HEERF;

Reporting in a format and location easily accessible to the public for the period ending March 30<sup>th</sup> 2021. Going forward, this report will continue to be updated and posted quarterly.

1. 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.
2. As of March 30<sup>th</sup> 2021, 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 47.
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 554.
4. As of March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 SU has distributed \$532,609 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 March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 SU received \$2,193,298 from ED pursuant to SU's Certification and Agreement (for) Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
6. 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:
  - a. In accordance with ED's direction, SU is prioritizing the distribution of funds to eligible students demonstrating the greatest need. SU students requesting funds are required to submit a request form certifying eligibility and describing claimed 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.

- b. Requests are reviewed individually: to confirm a student's eligibility per requirements set forth by ED; to establish a student's level of need; and to evaluate the claimed expenses. A student's level of need is determined using information available to the SU Office of Financial Aid, including, but not limited to: Pell eligibility, previously awarded emergency aid, expected family contribution, and student account credits. Claimed expenses must be reasonable, related to a student's cost of attendance as enumerated in the list provided by ED, due to COVID-19-related campus operations disruptions, and must not be duplicated in other requests for aid reviewed by the SU Office of Financial Aid.
7. Reports for the Emergency Financial Aid Grants are provided on the Simpson University website [here](#).