

CARES HEERF Policy & Disclosures

Section 18004(a)(1) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Pub. L. No. 116-136 (March 27, 2020), authorizes the Secretary of Education to allocate grant funds from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) to schools participating in Federal Financial Aid.

Section 18004(c) of the CARES Act requires no less than fifty percent of the HEERF funds received be used to provide emergency financial aid grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus (including eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care).

- 1) North American Trade Schools acknowledges that it signed and returned to ED the certification agreement for HEERF funding and the assurance that it will use, no less than 50% of the total HEERF funding to provide emergency student grants.
- 2) The total amount of funds the institution received from ED for emergency student grants is \$502,249.00
- 3) The total amount of emergency student grants distributed to students as of the date of this disclosure, 8/15/2020, is \$468,800.00
- 4) The estimated total number of students eligible for student grants is 395.
- 5) The total number of students that have received an emergency grant as of the date of this disclosure, (8/15/2020), is 389.
- 6) The institution's (North American Trade Schools) methodology for determining which students received grants and how much each would receive is:
 - A) The number of students enrolled that are Title IV eligible and incurred expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID 19.
 - B) Assuming all students are eligible, the school allocated \$1,200.00 per student. This totals \$463,200.00 in grants.
 - C) Each eligible student was sent a link to the school's request for grant funds form. If the student did not have COVID related expenses they can choose to "Opt Out" or if they do have qualifying expenses the enter yes indicating they do have qualifying expenses

and understand that the grant is to be used for only these.. If the student had COVID related expenses, they would fill out the form attesting to the qualifying expenses and submit the form. Once the school receives a qualifying response, a check is mailed to the student.

- D) The school retained \$39,049.00 for future COVID related expenses some students may encounter. Any student that Opts Out or does not submit a grant request for qualified expenses, their allotted \$1,200.00 would be put into the retainage account and disbursed to students with additional qualified expenses.
- E) All funds will be disbursed by December 31, 2020
- 7) The School emailed each eligible student announcing the availability of the Grant program and provided a link to the Grant Request Form. The Grant Request Form is shown below.

NATS Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students Under the CARES ACT

The U.S. Department of Education has made Emergency Financial Aid Grants available to students of our institution who need financial support for their expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to Coronavirus. Only active students or students who were active during the disruption of training, or who are/were participating in courses actively and who are in good standing will be eligible to receive a grant. In order to receive these funds you must be FAFSA eligible.

To confirm eligibility, you must attest to all of the following items:

- United States Citizen or be an eligible noncitizen
- Have a valid U.S. social security number
- Registered with Selective Service (for male students)
- Not in default on a federal student loan
- Have a High School diploma or a GED

Section 1

1. Full Name

2. Email Address

3. Last four digits of your Social Security Number (SSN)

4. Mailing Address Line 1

5. Mailing Address Line 2

6. City

7. State

8. Zip Code

Section 2

Qualifying Expenses

These grant funds are to be specifically used for expenses incurred due to disruptions caused by the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Please check any expenses that apply to your situation:

9. These grant funds are to be specifically used for expenses incurred due to disruptions caused by the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Choose any of the following that apply to you

I experienced an increase in food expenses

I experienced an increase in my housing expenses

I experienced an increase in expenses related to my course materials to attend school

I experienced increased expenses to pay for technologies associated with attending remote instruction

I experienced an increased cost for health care

I have children and am financially responsible for childcare expenses

Section 3

Option to waive receipt of any grants under the CARES ACT

If you wish to waive your participation in this grant please enter below that you are choosing to waive these grants.

10. I am opting to refuse any receipt of CARES related aid. I understand that I may not be eligible for future grant monies if I opt out of participation.

Enter "OPT OUT" if you wish to waive any grant aid.

11. I understand that by cashing any checks issued by the school for this grant, I will use these grant funds for the intended expenses incurred due to the Coronavirus. I am requesting an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to help cover the cost of expenses incurred due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Enter "YES" here to indicate understanding