

As of December 23, 2020, 100% of Funds Have Been Distributed to Students

Under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF), as authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES Act), Cal State LA was awarded \$37,914,166. The funding was required to be used for reimbursement of institutional expenses incurred as a result of COVID-19 as well as emergency financial aid grants to students. In addition, Cal State LA received \$2,812,913 from the Minority Serving Institution (MSI) - Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund.

At least 50% of the \$37,914,166 provided by the HEERF, or \$18,957,083, was mandated for emergency financial aid grants to students. Cal State LA President William A. Covino signed and returned a certification and agreement form to the U.S. Department of Education stating that the university used at least 50% of the funds for emergency financial aid grants for students.

During this reporting period, Cal State LA disbursed the \$18,957,083 to 26,976 students who were enrolled in spring 2020 and fall 2020.

For the 2019-20 academic year, 20,009 students were eligible to participate in the program and receive the emergency financial aid grant. For the current 2020-21 academic year, 21,615 students were eligible to participate in the program and receive the emergency financial aid grant.

All enrolled degree-seeking Cal State LA students who were eligible to receive federal financial aid, or could have been eligible to participate in the programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), were considered for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund authorized by the CARES Act.

A CARES Act funding model was developed to expeditiously distribute the emergency aid to students for their expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the COVID-19 outbreak, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child-care expenses.

The funding model consisted of three tiers in which the emergency aid was automatically distributed to eligible students through a block grant method. The fourth tier allowed eligible students to apply for additional emergency aid by completing an online CARES Act emergency grant application that [was posted on the university's website](#).

The following elements were included in the eligibility evaluation process:

- The Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from 2019-20 FAFSA (used to determine the financial need component)
- Spring 2020 semester enrollment and
- Enrollment status (i.e., academic load: full-time, three-quarter time, and half-time).

CARES Act Funding Model				
Tier	Spring 2020 Enrollment Status	EFC Group	Amount	Financial Need Group

Tier 1	Full-time	0 - 2500	\$1,000	High financial need
	Three-quarter		\$750	High financial need
	Half-time		\$500	High financial need
Tier 2	Full-time	2501 - 9999	\$700	Moderate financial need
	Three-quarter		\$525	Moderate financial need
	Half-time		\$350	Moderate financial need
Tier 3	Full-time	Over 9999	\$300	Some financial need
	Three-quarter		\$225	Some financial need
	Half-time		\$150	Some financial need
Tier 4	1 or more units	Not Applicable	\$500	Emergency Grant Application

The final distribution of the emergency aid to eligible students through an automatic block grant method occurred in the fall 2020 semester. The emergency relief fund was disbursed to fall 2020 new admits who transitioned and began their attendance at Cal State LA in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to the automatic distribution, all enrolled Cal State LA students are eligible to apply for additional emergency aid by completing the CARES Act emergency grant application that was posted on the university's website.

The following elements were included in the eligibility evaluation process:

- 2020-21 FAFSA was used to determine a student's eligibility to participate in the programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), and were considered for the (HEERF) authorized by the (CARES) Act.
- Fall 2020 semester enrollment and
- Academic career (doctoral, graduate/master's, or undergraduate career).

Fall 2020 CARES Act Distribution			
Academic Career	Title IV Eligible	Award Amount	School-Related Expenses
Doctorate	Yes	\$130.00	Technology
GRAD	Yes	\$130.00	Technology
URGD	Yes	\$250.00	Technology

The campus has created the [Cal State LA CARES Program webpage](#) to provide information to students concerning the emergency financial aid grants. The university has also sent emails to students with information about the emergency grants.

The information reported above is current at the time of publication.