

## SISSETON WAHPETON COLLEGE

- 1. An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used, or 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. On May 21, 2020, Sisseton Wahpeton College signed and submitted the certification and agreement form with the intent to use the 50% emergency financial aid grant for aid to students
- 2. 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. Sisseton Wahpeton College received a total of \$157,620. The college was required to disburse ½, or \$78,810 of this amount directly to students who were required to be Title IV eligible.
- 3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the 30-day Report and every 45 days thereafter). During the spring semester (2020), \$56,800 of the DOE HEERF was disbursed. The amount each student received was based on the number of credits each student was enrolled in and if the student was actively engaged (making satisfactory academic progress) in their courses. The student was provided funding in the amount of \$150 per credit if they were meeting academic guidelines.

In December 2020 (fall semester), SWC again disbursed student emergency relief. The amount disbursed to eligible students (48) was \$84,503. The college used the same formula above. A total of \$141,303 of the 18004(a)(1) funds have been disbursed leaving \$16,317 remaining. It is anticipated these remaining funds will be disbursed in spring semester 2021.

4. The estimated total number of students at the institution 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



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Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. SWC estimated that all students would be eligible for financial projection purposes. However, it was also understood that some students would not be eligible because they had not completed the FAFSA form and would not qualify.

5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. *Ninety-six* (96) students were provided DOE HEERF.

In the November 2020 distribution, forty-eight (48) students received DOE HEERF. To date, one hundred forty-four (144) eligible students have received DOE HEERF funds.

- 6. The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. The financial aid director was asked to generate a list of students from the spring semester 2020 who were Title IV eligible. A list of total SWC students was also generated so SWC was able to utilize other funding sources to provide financial support to students impacted by COVID-19.
- 7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants. The president of Sisseton Wahpeton College provided students with a letter that notified them of potential COVID-19 funding from different funding agencies. The students were reminded to be diligent in the new method of academic delivery (online) as this was going to be new to many and not typical of the traditional face to face delivery. The letter also indicated that students would receive their funding through the mailing address they had on file, so if that was not known for the student to call in and provide that information to SWC.