

BELHAVEN UNIVERSITY

Higher Education Emergency Relief Report

CARES Grants to Students

Report as of September 30, 2021

Belhaven University signed and returned to the US Department of Education the Funding Certification and Agreement for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund – Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CARES Act on April 13, 2020. The Institution intends to use no less than 50% of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students. Additionally, the university received a revised grant notifications in January 2021 as part of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Act (CRRSA) and again in May 2021 as part of the American Recovery Plan (ARP).

As of September 30, 2021, the university has received Grant Award Notifications from the Department of Education regarding the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund and the American Recovery Plan, all of which is allocated for the purpose of providing CARES funding to students:

\$5,840,593.00

On May15, 2020, the university began awarding CARES Grants to students. To date the amount of CARES funds disbursed to students is:

\$4,506,418.00

An estimated total number of students eligible for CARES Grants based on the criteria issued

5867

On May15, 2020, the university began awarding CARES Grants to students. To date the total number of students who have received CARES Grants is:

1179

Methodology

The Institution formed a CARES Committee to develop a method for distribution and allocation of the CARES Grants to students. In accordance with guidance issued by the Department of Education, the committee determined that only students with extreme need are eligible for the CARES/HEERF funds. In an effort to reach the greatest number of students with extreme need, an application to assess need and impact from pandemic was created and posted to the student portal, Blazenet.

Communication to Students

The Institution has communicated guidance to students concerning the CARES Grant in a number of ways. Our website includes Frequently Asked Questions that address the availability of these funds, who is eligible and the type of expenses that can be covered. Additionally, routine text and email messages encourage students to apply.