

HIGHER EDUCATION EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND (HEERF)

Northwest-Shoals Community College 30-Day Fund Report - May 14, 2020

Acknowledgement

Northwest-Shoals Community College (NW-SCC) signed and returned the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) Agreement to receive CARES Act funding on April 14, 2020. NW-SCC has used no less than 50% of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Grants to students.

Amount of Funding Received

Northwest-Shoals Community College received funds in the amount of \$1,034,735 from the US Department of Education for CARES Emergency Financial Aid Grants to be distributed to students.

Amount of Funding Distributed to Students

As of May 14, 2020, Northwest-Shoals Community College has not distributed any Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

Estimated Number of Eligible Students Based on College data for Spring Semester, 2020, 8,876 students are 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 under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

Northwest-Shoals Community College has 1,455 students eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. The CARES Act provides emergency financial aid grant funds to address the financial need of students due to the disruption of campus operations and the related expenses they incurred. Therefore, the CARES Act limited eligibility of emergency grants to students who were actively participating in courses and programs that were not exclusively **online on or after March 16**. Additionally, the U.S. Department of Education determined that international and undocumented students were not eligible for federal grants.

Within the total population, institutions were instructed to determine eligibility criteria for distribution of the grant and encouraged to prioritize students with the greatest need.

The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

As of May 14, 2020, no students have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant. However, the College expects to begin distributing Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students no later than May 31, 2020.

Method Used to Determine Which Students Will Receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants

Student who meet the below requirements will be awarded funds:

- Students working towards a degree or certificate at Northwest-Shoals Community College
- Students enrolled in at least one traditional (in-person) course on either campus of Northwest-Shoals Community College as of March 16, 2020
- Students who have a valid 2019-2020 FAFSA on file with the Financial Aid Office
- Students who have a satisfactory academic progress (SAP) status
- Students enrolled at Northwest-Shoals Community College during the spring 2020 semester (with exception to those who exclusively attended Spring Mini I Term)

Directions/Guidance Provided to Students

Northwest-Shoals Community College notified recipients by email notifying them of their eligibility for CARES Act funds. The eligibility email was sent to their Northwest-Shoals Community College email address.

Awards will be \$711.16 per student for a total of \$1,034,735.