

Notre Dame of Maryland University
CARES Act –Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students Report

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.

Notre Dame of Maryland University (“NDMU” or “the University”) signed and returned a Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Securities (CARES) Act on April 10, 2020. NDMU has utilized 50% of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants 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 Student.

NDMU received or will receive \$484,725 from the U.S. Department of Education (“USDE”) pursuant to NDMU’s Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

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).

As of May 19, 2020, NDMU has distributed \$484,725 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students from funds issued by USDE, as well as \$283 from institutional sources.

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 Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

NDMU estimates that at the time of awarding 955 students in the Women’s College, College of Adult Undergraduate, College of Graduate and Professional Studies, and School of Pharmacy filed a FAFSA and thus were eligible under the program. NDMU Online students are not eligible for Emergency Finance Aid Grants.

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.

As of May 19, 2020, NDMU has distributed Emergency Financial Aid Grants to 539 students.

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.

NDMU distributed Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CARES Act based on financial need. All undergraduate students who filed a FAFSA received a check via mail or direct deposit for between \$250 and \$1,000. Disbursed amounts varied by EFC with \$0 EFC students receiving \$1,000; EFCs between \$1-\$10,000 receiving \$750; EFCs between \$10,001 and \$22,000 receiving \$500; and EFCs at or over \$22,001 receiving \$250. Additionally, undergraduate students with an EFC at or below \$22,000 received additional emergency aid if they demonstrated further financial need via an outstanding semester account balance with the University at the time of awarding. Additional emergency aid awards were calculated by the amount of the spring semester outstanding balance, minus the flat award, up to a cap of \$1,050.

7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

In addition to information posted to the University's COVID-19 website, NDMU students who received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant were provided with an email or letter which included the following guidance: "...institutions of higher education were provided with funding to provide emergency financial aid grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child-care expenses. Funding is limited to Title IV eligible students." Additionally, the University informed students that "The [IRS](#) has advised that these grants are NOT taxable" and that "No action is required by an eligible student in order to receive this funding."

Any questions about grant disbursements report may be directed to Victoria Washington, Controller, at business@ndm.edu. Questions about this report may be directed to Sean Delaney, Vice President of Finance & Administration, at sdelaney@ndm.edu, Greg FitzGerald, Chief of Staff, at gfitzgerald@ndm.edu, or Carroll Galvin, Senior Director of Grants and Advancement Operations, at cgalvin@ndm.edu.

Reference:

<https://ifap.ed.gov/electronic-announcements/050620HigherEdEmergencyReliefFundRptg>

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