



## Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Reporting

Revised January 4, 2021

FINAL REPORT

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Eligibility for the Emergency Financial Aid Grant for WMed students is based on financial issues related to

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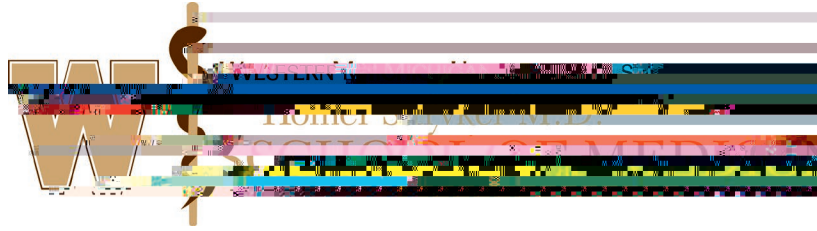
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Each student's situation is evaluated individually based on the information provided in the student's application. WMed maintains the flexibility to increase or decrease the amount per eligible expense to each student on a case-by-case basis. Approved requests submitted for payment through the



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WMed signed and submitted the Certificate and Agreement of Funds document to the Department of Education estimated number of students eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, and therefore eligible to receive an emergency financial aid grant is approximately 313. As of September 30, 2020.



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## Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Reporting

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WMed signed and submitted the Certificate and Agreement of Funds document to the Department of Education on April 17, 2020 agreeing to provide the mandated amount of at least 50% of the emergency financial aid grant funding to students. WMed received confirmation and acceptance of the document on May 7, 2020.

Students who have additional cost of attendance related expenses due to the disruption of campus operations beginning on March 16, 2020, may apply for the grant. WMed students were notified of the availability of these Emergency Financial Aid Grants and the application process for these grants through email communications, Student Weekly Communications, student portal and forums. Students may apply by completing the [CARES Act Request Form](#),

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and submitted the Certificate and Agreement of Funds document on April 7<sup>th</sup> to provide the mandated amount of at least 5% of the emergency financial aid grant funding. We received confirmation and acceptance of the document on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Amount of funds we can receive under the EERF student portion is \$1.5 million as of June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020.

Number of students eligible to participate in programs under Section 8 of the CARES Act and therefore eligible to receive an emergency financial aid grant is 2,500.



## Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act

May 08, 2020

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The total amount of funds WMed can receive under the HEERF student portion is \$39,282. As of May 8, 2020, WMed has not received nor distributed any funds to students.

The estimated number of students eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, and therefore eligible to receive an emergency financial aid grant is 268. The estimated total number of students that may be eligible to receive an emergency financial aid grant, but who have not been verified as being eligible to participate in Title IV is 328. No students have received an emergency financial aid grant as of May 8, 2020.

Students who have additional cost of attendance related expenses due to the disruption of campus operations during the period of March 16, 2020 until the end of their 2019-20 academic year may apply for the grant. Students should download the [CARES Act Request Form](#), complete it, and send it to the office of Financial Aid at [FinancialAid@med.wmich.edu](mailto:FinancialAid@med.wmich.edu) along with any supporting documentation. More information about the CARES Act and HEERF can be found [here](#).

WMed will review all completed applications for accuracy and verification of Title IV eligibility. The office of Financial Aid will determine if the request meets the guidelines of the HEERF grant funds. The maximum amount of the grant fund per student, shall not exceed the amount of a full Pell Grant, or \$6,195. Anticipated actual awards will be much lower than \$6,195, in order to assist as many students as possible. Approved requests will be submitted for payment through the medical school's payment system, requiring the student to approve the payment request.