

Truman State University has signed and returned the 'Recipient's Funding Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students' form and is using the funds to provide the mandated amount of at least 50% of the emergency financial aid grants to students.

Truman State University will receive \$1,672,672 for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) student portion.

As of October 6, 2020, \$1,303,292 has been processed to 1,972 students. Additional applications are submitted by eligible students daily and are pending future disbursement.

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 therefore eligible to receive an emergency financial aid grant is 3,209.

As of June 17, 2020, after revised U.S. Department of Education guidance, students with a current valid Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on file were determined to be eligible for emergency grant funds if they did not fall into one of the following categories:

- Not Title IV eligible due to Satisfactory Academic Progress issue
- Enrolled in online classes only for Spring 2020
- Unresolved C flag on 2019-2020 FAFSA
- Enrolled in less than 6 credit hours for Spring 2020
- Withdrawn from Spring 2020
- Non-degree seeking

Students can receive HEERF funding if they have an urgent financial need as it relates to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus (COVID-19) for food, housing, course materials, technology, health care and child care. The University consistently applied amounts for each expense type based on average cost of subsistence within the region. Health care and child care expenses were determined through documentation submitted by the student.

Eligible students have been sent email communications explaining HEERF, including instructions on how to apply for HEERF funds. A link to the HEERF Request form was provided in each email (<https://www.truman.edu/caresactform/>) as well as a link to a Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) document (<https://www.truman.edu/caresactfaq/>). Both the HEERF form and FAQ are available on the Truman website. Finally, an article was published in the May 26, 2020 campus online publication, Truman Today, explaining the details of the grant and the application process.