



## Northeastern Illinois University

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Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Report – Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

### **Certification and Assurance**

Northeastern Illinois University signed and returned to the U.S. Dept. of Education a Certification and Agreement that assures NEIU 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.

**Total amount of funds received from the U.S. Dept. of Education for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students: \$3,035,452**

**Total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students as of 8/13/2020: \$2,786,466**

**Estimated 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: 5,895**

**The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.: 5,795**

**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:**

Eligibility for Emergency Financial Aid Grants was determined using the following criteria:

- Enrolled in face-to-face courses as of the Spring semester census date and required to transition to online learning classes;
- No record of default or overpayment of federal funds;
- Degree-seeking student;
- U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

The amount was determined by number of credit hours and whether a student is a Pell recipient. Eligible students received \$42 per credit hour based on their enrollment at the Spring semester census date. Pell recipients received an additional \$15 per credit hour.

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

Northeastern Illinois University disseminated information about CARES Act Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students through emailed Targeted Announcements from the University President to the entire university community – students, faculty, and staff; the university's COVID-19 website, and a Frequently Asked Questions about the CARES Act document on the university's COVID-19 website.