

# CARES ACT Report

**Updated as of: May 22, 2020**

## HEERF Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

The recently passed Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act includes a Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) that was set up to provide over \$14 billion in emergency funding to higher education. More than \$6 billion of this funding must go directly to students as emergency financial aid grants for expenses they have incurred relating to the disruption of campus operations due to the COVID-19.

### Certification and Agreement Acknowledgement:

Shorter University acknowledges that a signed Certification and Agreement was submitted to the Department of Education on April 9, 2020. This agreement indicated our commitment and assurance that Shorter University would 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.

### Funds Received per the HEERF Grant:

Shorter University applied for and received a total of \$604,040 for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds for students grants. The funds were received on April 22, 2020.

### Distributed Grants:

As of May 22, 2020, \$597,300 of the HEERF student grants have been distributed to students.

### Grants Awarded:

816 students were eligible to receive an Emergency Financial Aid Grant received a grant.

### Distribution Methodology:

To Determine the distribution method for the HEERF Grants, priority was given to students that lived on campus, purchased a meal plan and were Pell eligible. Additionally, all traditional Title IV eligible students received a grant to assist with the cost of transitioning from on-ground classes to online.

Student Classification	Grant Amount
Pell Eligible	\$300.00
Lived on Campus	\$225.00
Meal Plan	\$225.00
Technology	\$275.00

## Student Information and Guidance:

**The following email was sent to all qualifying students on May 12, 2020 to inform students about the upcoming disbursement:**

Dear Students,

Shorter University is making Emergency grant funds available to all **traditional** Title IV eligible students. We have been diligently working to create the best possible relief package for you. We are pleased to announce that you will be receiving an emergency grant from the CARES Act Stimulus Package.

The emergency grants are designed to assist students with the disruption of services due to the closing of campus as a result of Covid-19. Shorter University used the matrix below to determine each traditional Title IV eligible student's grant.

Example 1: If you are Pell eligible, lived on campus and purchased a meal plan. You are receiving a grant for \$750.00 plus an additional grant of \$275.00 for expenses related to transitioning online for a total grant of \$1,025.00.

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If you have a balance on your student account this emergency grant will not change the balance that you owe. You can log into Scholar to make a payment or call the Business Office at 706-233-7222. You will receive your distribution via eRefund or check depending on which you are set up for.

We pray that you are staying safe and well during this time.

Cassie Potts  
Manager of Student Accounts

**The following Letter was mailed to all qualifying students on May 19, 2020. Included with this letter was the individual student's disbursement check:**

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