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This is a 45 day update to the Department of Education about the distribution of funds to students.

No changes have occurred since the first report. All funds have been disbursed to students.

Frist report below:

About The CARES Act and the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)

On March 27, 2020, the federal government enacted the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act"). The CARES Act includes a Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund ("HEERF"). A portion of HEERF funds must go directly to eligible students in the form of emergency financial aid grants for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the COVID-19 crisis ("HEERF Student Share Grant Funds").

Section 18004(e) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act" or the "Act")), Pub. L. No. 116-136, 134 Stat. 281 (March 27, 2020), directs institutions receiving funds under Section 18004 of the Act to submit (in a time and manner required by the Secretary) a report to the Secretary describing the use of funds distributed from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund ("HEERF").

In compliance with Section 18004(e) of the CARES Act, Chattanooga College Medical, Dental, & Technical Careers submits the following report:

 Chattanooga College Medical, Dental, & Technical Careers signed and submitted the Department of Education Certification & Agreement on April 22, 2020. By doing so, Chattanooga College Medical, Dental, & Technical Careers assures that it will 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.

- 2. On May 8, 2020, Chattanooga College Medical, Dental, & Technical Careers received a total of \$190,676 from the Department of Education for Emergency Relief Grants to Students.
- 3. All funds received for Emergency Relief Grants to Students were disbursed to eligible students by check.
- 4. On May 11, 2020, Chattanooga College Medical, Dental, & Technical Careers distributed funds equally to all currently enrolled students at the college. This included 216 students who each received a check for \$882.76. Checks were mailed to each student.
- 5. Chattanooga College Medical, Dental, & Technical Careers determined that all currently enrolled students in all programs were eligible to receive an equal portion of the grant.
- 6. The college mailed a check to each currently enrolled student. It was determined that all students had suffered some hardship and were eligible for an equal portion. Each student received \$882.76. If a check was returned with an incorrect address, the student was contacted and allowed to pick up the check.
- 7. There are no instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants. These funds are to be used by the student for any hardship needs. All currently enrolled students were eligible for an equal portion of the funds and all funds have been disbursed to currently enrolled students. Students received an email from the college that a check had been mailed to the current address in the school's student information system.

The following email was sent to all currently enrolled students on May 14, 2020:

Attention Students:

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act was passed by Congress and signed into law to provide economic relief from COVID-19. One section of the CARES Act established the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) and sent money to colleges to use for emergency financial aid grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the pandemic.

Chattanooga College Medical, Dental, & Technical Careers received and disbursed these funds to students by a mailing checks this week. This is a grant to help you continue your education with as little disruption as possible. The grant will not affect your financial aid in any way and does not have to be paid back.

If you have not received your check, please contact the college's financial aid office at 423-702-9167.

Administration

