

HEERF CARES funds report #1. Due 6/14/20

Taylor Andrews Academy – St George has worked diligently to procure HEERF funds for our students as quickly as possible. In April of 2020, we signed and returned the Certification and Agreement to the Department of Education. Of the funds provided under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, we will provide at least 50% directly to our students.

We received \$119,275 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students, which we are permitted to distribute to all students who are eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

On the date we received the funds, we had 98 students eligible for the Emergency Financial Aid Grants. As of 6/3/20, 85 students have received HEERF CARES grants, totaling \$103,453.50.

TAA-St George is currently reviewing each file on a case by case scenario to ensure all eligible students are offered the HEERF grants. Eligible students:

- Are currently enrolled at TAA – St George,
- Have a high school diploma, GED or recognized equivalent,
- Meet minimum SAP requirements or are on Financial Aid Warning,
- Meet the criteria set forth by the Department of Education for Federal Student Aid (a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen, have a valid Social Security number, are registered with Selective Service if male),
- Are not in default on a federal student loan,
- Have not exceeded the lifetime eligible student loan amounts
- Do not owe money on a federal student grant, and
- Have signed a certification statement of financial need due to coronavirus.

We acknowledge that the previously collected and reported information available is unreliable in regards to calculating 'need' during the national pandemic, and may not accurately reflect a student's current ability to pay for school.

In an effort to get these emergency funds to students as quickly as possible, we have streamlined the allocation process and reduced the red tape and delays typically associated with the award of federal grant funds. We will accept self-certification of financial hardship from students, and require minimal additional verification, in order to provide the emergency funds to them.

With all of that in mind, TAA-St. G will divide the total student emergency funds evenly between all currently enrolled, eligible students.

Prior to receiving any funds, students will acknowledge and agree that **the emergency grant funds are to be used for expenses related to disruption of campus**

operations due to coronavirus (including eligible cost of attendance expenses such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care).

Students will also select their preferred method of delivery of funds; either in-person or mail. Students preferring to make an appointment with a school official to collect the check are reminded that the appointment is in place to help limit the number of people gathering, per the guidance of the State of Utah. They are also reminded that checks will ONLY be released to the addressee; students may not send someone else to pick up their check. Students who prefer to have their check sent by mail must first confirm a mailing address.