

## **Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Reporting**

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act- Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) Grant at Northeast Community College provides emergency financial assistance to eligible students whose lives have been disrupted and are facing financial challenges due to campus closure and COVID-19. The U.S. Department of Education provided guidance to assist Colleges in the distribution of the funds. The following information is provided by Northeast as required by the Department of Education in order to comply with the reporting requirements under the CARES Act. This initial report is due 30 days from when Northeast received its Grant Award Notification and a follow-up report will be provided every 45 days after that.

### **Acknowledgment of Funding and Certification**

Northeast Community College acknowledges that it signed the Certification and Agreement for CARES funds and returned it to the U.S. Department of Education on April 22, 2020. Northeast received its Grant Award Notification on April 28, 2020. As stipulated in the Certification, the College assures that no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act will be used to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Northeast students.

### **Total Grant Award**

Pursuant to the Certification Agreement, Northeast will receive \$1,729,207.00 under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, of which at least \$864,603 will be provided directly to students in the form of Emergency Financial Aid Grants for expenses related to the disruption of campus and COVID-19.

### **Funds Distributed to Date**

As of May 20, 2020, Northeast has distributed \$406,030.00 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

### **Student Eligibility**

Northeast will award funds to Title IV eligible students who were/are enrolled during the COVID-19 pandemic. During the Spring semester, 1643 Northeast Community College students qualified for Title IV federal student aid in accordance with Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and therefore, eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

### **Number of Student Recipients**

As of May 20, 2020, 282 students have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant

### **Method used to determine which students receive Emergency Grants and how much to award.**

Northeast created an online request for assistance form for students to request an Emergency Financial Aid Grant. Students are asked what type of assistance they need and how they were financially impacted by COVID-19. The project director determines the amount of assistance awarded following suggested award amounts determined by the College using a prorated amount of the 2019-2020 Financial Aid Cost of Attendance budget.

## **Outreach and Instructions to Students**

Northeast provided an initial announcement via [email](#) to all students enrolled on April 21, 2020 to provide instructions on how to request financial assistance due to COVID-19. In addition, Northeast created a COVID-19 webpage <https://northeast.edu/Coronavirus/> to keep students informed and created an online application form <https://northeast.edu/Coronavirus/Student-Assistance.aspx> in which students request assistance. Students approved for funding will be notified by email with the following [award notice](#).