

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act provides colleges and universities with higher education emergency relief related to the coronavirus pandemic. To be eligible to receive the emergency relief, institutions were required to sign and submit the Certification and Agreement. National University completed the requested Certification and Agreement in April 2020. NU intends to use 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

National University received \$2.28 million received from the Department pursuant to the Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Student. An additional \$2.28 million was received as institutional funds.

National University has an estimated 23,000 students 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.

National University has distributed Emergency Financial Aid Grants to 3,418 students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act in the amount of \$825 (1), \$1,000 (3,005) and \$2,500 (639). The institutional opted to utilize all allocated \$4.6 million toward student grants.

Students must be Title IV eligible and meet the eligibility criteria apply. Grants will be disbursed to eligible students on a monthly basis after the initial term. Due to the high number of NU students and emergency funding allocated to NU, application submission does not guarantee funding. Students who apply by the first of the month will be reviewed for the current month's funding cycle. Students who are not selected will be reviewed in the subsequent term(s) without having to reapply.

To apply, students must:

- Have successfully completed at least 13.5 quarter units since July 2019
- Be actively scheduled for at least 13.5 quarter units in next 7 future terms
 - *Note:* Students with less than 13.5 quarter units remaining for degree completion are not required to meet 13.5 unit scheduled minimum.
- Must be degree-seeking (enrolled in a bachelor, credential, or master's program)
- Be in good standing (minimum cumulative GPA: Undergraduate 2.0 GPA/Graduate 3.0).
- Be enrolled in a program that allows students to complete both online and residential (onsite) courses.
- Meet eligibility to apply for Title IV (students are not required to file a FAFSA to apply)
 - Be enrolled in a bachelor, credential, or master's program
 - Be maintaining academic progress
 - Be a U.S citizen or national, a permanent resident, or an eligible noncitizen
 - Have a valid Social Security Number (SSN)
 - Be registered with Selective Service (if student is male)
 - Have a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent
 - Not owe an overpayment (refund) on Title IV grants
 - Not be in default on a Title IV loan

Student eligibility is assessed and reviewed by an internal committee to ensure consistency.

All instructions, directions, or guidance provided by National University to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants are published on the university's [COVID-19](#) website. Students who wish to receive a grant may [apply here](#).

Students may also review the FAQ on [COVID-19](#) website for additional information regarding the emergency aid funds. Any students with additional questions should contact caresheerf@nu.edu.