

## **The CARES Act requires all colleges and universities participating in the program to provide access to the following information.**

- East Stroudsburg University of PA (ESU) has signed and returned to the Department of Education the CARES Act Certification and Agreement. This document is an assurance that ESU has used, or intends to 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.
- ESU received \$3,234,661 from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students on May 7, 2020.
- The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants is being distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act in two phases through a number of student outreach efforts. As of May 26, 2020 (i.e., as of the 30-day Report and every 45 days thereafter) the amount distributed under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is \$627,136.
- The estimated total number of students at the institution 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 is 5,036.
- As of May 26, 2020, the total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is 535 under Phase I.

### **ESU used the following methodology for evaluating whether students are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants, and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.**

Eligibility for the funds was based on:

1. Verifying attendance for Spring 2020 semester at ESU.
2. Verifying Title IV eligibility.
3. Verifying program of study was not 100% on-line prior to Spring 2020.

### **Phase I (Representing one-third of the funds)**

ESU solicited requests for funds from students through three outreach efforts:

- Outreach Effort 1 – A survey was sent to all students inquiring whether the disruption created an interruption in their academic plan that would necessitate taking summer classes. CARES Act Grants were disbursed directly to students. The amount of the award represents an estimated amount that would support at least 3 credits of summer tuition and books. (ESU rates were used as a guide) As funds went directly to students they could enroll at the school of their choice.

- Outreach Effort 2 – We recognize students who have outstanding Spring 2020 balances might especially be experiencing difficulties due to COVID-19. Therefore, a survey has been sent to students who have Spring 2020 balances asking them if they have a need. All requests will be reviewed and funding will be based on funds availability, using the maximum Pell Grant award as a guide. Funds will be disbursed directly to students.
- Outreach Effort 3 – All eligible students were emailed information about the CARES ACT and were provided a direct link to an application for funds on our foundation website. Requests were reviewed and funds disbursed based on needs of those applying. Award amounts varied based on request and availability of funds.

## **Phase II (Representing two-thirds of the funds)**

- ESU is setting aside two thirds of the funds for assisting Spring 2020 students who experience need during the Fall 2020 semester.