

## **Coronavirus Aid, Relief & Economic Security Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund**

Glennville State College has been awarded \$1,440,768 in Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF) from the U.S. Department of Education via the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). These funds have been awarded in two equal installments. The first installment is to be awarded directly to students. The second installment is for expenses incurred by the institution directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **HEERF – Funding for Students**

After signing the required Certification and Agreement and completing the formal application process for the U.S. Department of Education on April 13, 2020, the first installment of \$720,384 was available for draw down on April 28, 2020. This amount is intended to directly assist students with financial need stemming from COVID-19 related disruption of campus operations, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, child care, medical and travel expense. The full amount of the first installment is being distributed to eligible students. As of this report, \$715,300 had been drawn down for eligible students.

To be eligible for the CARES Act Grant, a student must have been enrolled and actively participating in the spring semester as of March 13, 2020 and must be **eligible for Title IV aid**. To determine Title IV eligibility, students must have submitted a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2019-2020 academic year. Students enrolled in exclusively online programs as of March 13th are not eligible.

Students who met the eligibility requirements were awarded a one-time emergency grant of either \$1,250 (eligible residential students who did not return to campus after March 13) or \$250 (eligible residential students who remained on campus and eligible commuters). Additional grant funds were available for students who had incurred hardships as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic (in addition to the emergency grant they had already received). A total of 158 students submitted an application for an additional hardship grant award. Of which, 78 students were awarded the hardship grant. An email was sent to each applicant's Glennville State College email account with the results of their application for hardship grant awards. As of this report, 837 emergency grants have been awarded.

Grants are being distributed to the students via credit checks or direct deposit if the student has signed up for direct deposit.

## HEERF – Institutional Funds

After signing the second Certification and Agreement and completing the formal application process for the U.S. Department of Education on April 27, 2020, the second installment was received on May 20, 2020. These funds are intended to cover any institutional costs associated with significant changes related to the delivery of instruction due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This information is based on the latest guidance from the U.S. Department of Education and is subject to change if new guidance becomes available.

Glenville State College is required to report to the U.S. Department of Education the number of students awarded 30 days from the date of signing the first Certification and Agreement and then every 45 days thereafter until the funds are depleted.

### Number of CARES Act Grants awarded per reporting date

<b>Total number of students awarded</b>	<b>Total amount awarded</b>	<b>Reporting Date</b>
757	\$667,000	May 13, 2020
80	\$48,300	June 27, 2020
		August 11, 2020
		September 25, 2020

PLEASE NOTE: In addition to the CARES Act Grant application, if students have experienced a significant reduction in household income due to a job loss/furlough, you may request a Professional Judgment from the Financial Aid Office. Please contact the Financial Aid Office at (304) 462-6170.