

Gallaudet HEERF Report #2 – July 15, 2020

1. Gallaudet University signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education the Certification and Agreement on April 21, 2020. The University intends to use no less than 50 percent of the \$1,642,996 provided to Gallaudet under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
2. Gallaudet has been awarded \$821,498 for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students, and these funds are currently available for drawdown by the University. As of June 30, 2020, no funds have yet been drawn down from the Department of Education.
3. As of June 30, 2020, the University has distributed \$565,322.43 to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. As indicated in #6 below, Gallaudet has decided to disburse funds to students in a two-pronged approach. The funds disbursed to date have largely been the first group of disbursements.
4. As of June 30, 2020, Gallaudet has received a completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) from 1,135 students who were enrolled during Spring 2020. While not all of these students received federal aid or met other Title IV eligibility requirements, this is the most conservative number to report as an estimate at this time.

There were an additional 134 students who were U.S. citizens or permanent residents who had not completed the FAFSA, but might be eligible for Title IV funding if the FAFSA was completed.

5. As of June 30, 2020, 750 students have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant from the University under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
6. The University has created a committee charged with creating a list of criteria for students to meet to receive grants. The University will be using a two-pronged approach to award Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. A proportion of the funds awarded will be disbursed to students who meet the following specific criteria without an application:
 - US Citizen or Permanent Resident
 - Completed a FAFSA for AY 19-20
 - Lived on Campus in Student Dormitory Housing
 - Was not enrolled in a fully online program

- The remaining amount will be available for students who feel they have additional needs to apply for funds.

7. As of June 30, 2020, a series of instructions and guidance was provided by Gallaudet to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants. Links to the notifications are shown below:

To students who met the specific Committee criteria:

<https://mailchi.mp/gallaudet.edu/changes-to-aa-3835944>

To students who did not fill out a FAFSA, but otherwise met the specific Committee criteria:

<https://mailchi.mp/gallaudet.edu/changes-to-aa-3835924>

To students who did not meet the specific Committee criteria but could be eligible for the second group of disbursements:

<https://mailchi.mp/gallaudet.edu/changes-to-aa-3835928>