



CARES Act Report and Disclosure

As of August 31, 2020

The University of Washington acknowledges it signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education the Certification and Agreement on April 26, 2020, and gives the assurance that UW intends to use no less than 50% of the funds received under section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

1. The total amount of funds UW received on April 30, 2020, from the U.S. Department of Education for distribution to students is **\$19,857,978**.
2. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of August 31, 2020, is **\$16,475,119**.
3. The estimated total number of students at UW 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 under section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is **27,780**.
4. The total number of students who received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is **13,193**.
5. The methods used to determine which and how much students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants are as follows –

All students receiving standard and individual grants must meet these criteria:

- Undergraduate or graduate student enrolled spring or summer quarter
- Eligible for funding under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965
- Maximum total award per student is \$6,195 (largest Pell award).
- A 2019-20 or 2020-21 FAFSA on record with the UW's Office of Student Financial Aid
- Not enrolled in a distance only education program at the UW

In order to distribute funds quickly, a standard grant was awarded to those students with the greatest financial need.

Additional criteria used for the standard grant—

- Family income in the low- to low-middle income levels based on FAFSA information.*
AND
- Undergraduates who borrowed federal student loans and/or did not have significant unmet need in 2019-20
- For graduate students, 2019-20 borrowing of \$25,000 or more in federal student loans
- Spring quarter enrollment of 10 or more credits
- Students were awarded a standard grant of \$1200 or \$1700 (for students with dependents). These amounts are slightly less than approximately one month of the [rent/utilities/food category of our students living on or off campus](#).

*Pell Grant recipients enrolled for 6 or more credits spring quarter received CARES funds or other equivalent emergency aid funds such as Emergency Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, UW Emergency Response Grant, Husky Pride or other UW funds provided by all three campuses.



Students who were not initially selected for the standard CARES Emergency Relief Grant or need additional assistance beyond the standard grant are encouraged to apply for Emergency Aid through the UW Emergency Aid Application. **Additional criteria used for the individual grant—**

- CARES Emergency Relief Grants were awarded based on the student's statement of need for funds to cover COVID-19 related expenses or expenses no longer covered due to a COVID-19 related loss of income. Students continue to self-identify through spring and summer quarters and we continue to award CARES Emergency Relief Grants.
- Award amounts will vary based on the student's statement of need but generally limited to the \$1200 or \$1700 standard amounts above. Limited cases of higher awards are provided when extreme circumstances are presented. Student can apply more than once.

Instructions, directions and guidance were provided to grant recipients via email and published on the Student Financial Aid website.