

Quarterly Public Reporting Requirement for Student Aid Portion

Skagit Valley College has signed and returned to the Department of Education, the Certification and Agreement related to the receipt and subsequent disbursement of the CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Funds.

Quarter 1 Report (due 9/30/2020)	
Date of report:	9/30/2020

Total funds received for Emergency Financial Aid Grants	\$1,166,882
Total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, as of report date	\$870,624
Estimated number of students eligible to participate in Title IV and eligible for Emergency Financial Aid Grants	1,500
Total number of unduplicated students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant	1,259

Method(s) used to determine student eligibility:

From Summer 2020 through Spring 2021 Skagit Valley College (SVC) developed an electronic application to identify and award eligible students. Students must self-attest to all eligibility requirements for HEERF funding at time of application.

The state of Washington was granted a preliminary injunction, allowing HEERF funds to be awarded to non-Title IV eligible students. Based on that injunction, the eligibility requirements were:

1. Enrollment in at least 1.0 credit
2. Citizenship status (US Citizen or eligible Non-Citizen) – *NOTE: This requirement was lifted on May 11th, upon updated Department of Education (ED) guidance.*
3. Incurred qualifying expenses/financial needs as a result of COVID-19

Financial aid staff review applications to ensure ED eligibility is met. Amounts are provided consistently to each student, varying per quarter:

- Summer 2020: \$500
- Fall 2020: \$700
- Winter 2021: \$700
- Spring 2021: \$700

*Note: Some award amounts exceeded those noted above, based on exceptional need/unique circumstances on a case by case basis, with additional documentation provided.

SVC uses the College's Customer Relationship Management (CRM) software to deploy and track the opt-in applications, the State Board of Community and Technical College (SBCTC) hosted Financial Aid Management system to track awards, and BankMobile and paper checks for funds distribution.

Information for Students:

Eligible Skagit Valley College students who have incurred expenses related to the COVID-19 health crisis may qualify for emergency funding made available via the Federal Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF II), previously known as "CARES". Additional information regarding these COVID-19 related emergency funds including eligibility guidelines please visit our [Federal Higher Education Emergency Relief](#) Fund webpage.