

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Reporting- Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

The University of Montana Western acknowledges that we have signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement assuring that we have and will 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.

The University of Montana Western has received a total amount of **\$582,451** CARES Act funds to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to our students.

As of **September 04, 2020**, the amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the 18004 (a)(1) of the CARES Act is **\$493,499.48**

The estimated number of students at The University of Montana Western who may be eligible to participate in programs under the Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to under Section 18004(a)(1) of the Cares Act is **797**.

The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is **396**.

The method used by The University of Montana Western to determine which students were eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much the students could receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the Cares Act:

- a. was to request an application from the students so we could verify the amount of funding needed. Initially, we limited the students to \$800 but will allow a higher amount depending on the student's unique circumstances and need identified on the application.
- b. we required the students to have a 2019-2020 FAFSA on file for awarding monies for Spring 2020 and to determine that they meet Title IV eligibility requirements.
- c. students had to pass at least one course for the Spring 2020 semester
- d. we will require students to have the 2020-2021 FAFSA on file for awarding Summer 2020 or Fall 2020.
- e. students who were on-line only students prior to the March 23, 2020 date were not eligible to receive funds.