



Office of the President

CARES Act Emergency Financial Aid Grant to Students -Section 18004(a)(1)

45 days Report

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Item 1

Acknowledgement under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act

The Universidad Central del Caribe (UCC), hereby acknowledges that our institution signed and returned to the Department of Education on April 14, 2020, the Certification and Agreement required under the Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

Also, hereby Universidad Central del Caribe assures that the institution used no less than 50% of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to our students.


Waleska Crespo-Rivera

July 3, 2020

Item 2

Universidad Central del Caribe (UCC) received a total amount of \$152,542.00 of funds from the Department of Education pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

Item 3

Universidad Central del Caribe (UCC) has distributed a total amount of \$152,542.00 from the Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of the date of this report.

Item 4

At Universidad Central del Caribe (UCC), the total number of students 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 to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act amounts to 501 students.

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At Universidad Central del Caribe (UCC), the total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of the date of submission are 501.

Item 6

Method used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

The Universidad Central del Caribe (UCC) determine the following guidelines to establish eligibility of our students for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) emergency assistance provided by the CARES Act:

- Students must be actively enrolled in one of our academic programs, conducive to complete an academic degree or certificate, during the academic terms affected by the Coronavirus pandemic and continue as an active student during the emergency. Any student that did not fit into this definition were deemed not eligible to receive the emergency aid.

- Students have filed or may file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) were deemed eligible. As an alternative to student's who under special conditions cannot complete a FAFSA, may demonstrate eligibility by completing an application in which the student attests under the penalty of perjury to meeting the requirements of Section 484 of the HEA.

- Students who are or could be eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA), as amended, must comply with the following eligibility criteria among others:
 - Have a valid Social Security number
 - Be a citizen or national of the United States, a permanent resident, or belong to an eligible noncitizen category to receive the grant
 - Maintain satisfactory academic progress (SAP)
 - Have no debt accrued from an overpayment (refund) of Title IV financial aid
 - Not be in default on a Title IV loan
 - May have not obtained or has repaid any Title IV aid obtained through fraud, proven in a legal proceeding brought against the student that resulted from a guilty verdict rendered by a jury plea or a guilty plea
 - May have not received Title IV program loans in excess of the annual or aggregate limits provided by law and applicable regulations through fraud
 - Must have repaid any amount of a Title IV program loan that has exceeded the annual or aggregate limit received by miscalculation
 - Be registered in the Selective Service (*Male students only 18 - 25 years of age*)
 - May have not been convicted of possession or distribution of drugs in the federal or state jurisdictions

The students of the Central University of the Caribbean received from the HEERF emergency assistance funds \$ 304.48 per student. As the UCC understood that all of our students have been experiencing different economic stresses due to the public health emergency caused by COVID-19, the funds were distributed among all eligible students amounting to the total enrolled and active students.

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Instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

Universidad Central del Caribe provided the following communications to the students related to the CARES ACT Emergency Aid:

- May 6, 2020 - Email to students announcing the distribution of the CARES Act Emergency Aid funds and describing the distribution criteria/methodology.
- April 15, 2020 - Email to students describing the purpose of the CARES Act Emergency Aid funds and giving them the instruction to fill out the direct deposit authorization to facilitate the reimbursement of the fund considering the Lockdown in Puerto Rico due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.