

**Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act)
Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)**

On April 16, 2020, Brescia University signed and returned the Recipient's Funding Certification and Agreement for the Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Agreement to the Department of Education. Brescia has used 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide emergency financial aid grants to students.

Brescia received a total of \$252,047 for emergency financial aid grants to students.

As of May 4, 2020, \$252,047 has been distributed to Brescia students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

426 Brescia students were eligible to participate in programs under §484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive emergency financial aid grants under §18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

426 Brescia students received an emergency grant under §18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

Brescia determined the emergency financial aid grant for each eligible student by dividing the students into Pell eligible and non-Pell eligible and then by number of on-ground credit hours taken prior to the pandemic disruption. Students with greatest need, which were those who were Pell eligible, with the greatest number of on-ground credit hours were awarded the highest emergency financial aid grants. The amounts decreased as the on-ground credit hours decreased. Students who were not Pell eligible but took on-ground classes prior to the pandemic disruption, received decreasing amounts of emergency financial aid grants. Emergency grants ranged from \$490 - \$925 for Pell eligible students and \$239 - \$400 for non-Pell eligible students.

Brescia provided the following information in a letter that accompanied the checks to students.

Congress recently passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act that includes the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF). A portion of HEERF provides for emergency financial aid grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus. Your additional expenses from this disruption may include food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care.

Brescia is distributing 100% of these emergency grants directly to students, regardless of any outstanding account balances. The enclosed check is the emergency financial aid grant which you are eligible for based on the Department of Education requirements and the Brescia allocation. If you have any questions regarding this grant, please contact the Financial Aid Office at (270) 689-9563 or by email at financial.aid@brescia.edu.