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Re Grant: P425E201629 – Direct Student Aid

Report to the U.S. Secretary for the Department of Education ("The Department") Via email: benee.edwards@ed.gov

On behalf of Simmons College of Kentucky, the following report is submitted.

Simmons College has signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used, or intends to 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.**

As 3-31-2022, the total cumulative amount awarded to Simmons College of Kentucky for direct grants to students under Grant Number **P425E201629 is $604,186.08.**

The following report keeps a running total of all quarters since first receipt of the Covid relief award for emergency financial aid grants to students.

2020 Direct Student Aid Awards

First report: May 25, 2020

1. The **total amount** of Emergency Financial Aid Grants **distributed** to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act **as of May 25, 2020 (30 days report)** was **$34,800.**

2. The estimated total number of students at the institution 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. **Our estimate is somewhere between 116 and 171.** That's because the criteria for awarding grants is still unclear. The first round of awards went only to students who were Title IV eligible and who had made Satisfactory Academic Progress. Interpreting eligibility is still in question, and it appears that the Department of Education keeps revising the standards. For the first round, we used the most conservative estimate, for fear of over-awarding.

3. **As of May 25, 2020 a total of 116 students** have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

4. The method(s) 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: **All students who had demonstrated that they met the Title IV eligibility requirements were awarded the same initial amount of $300 each.** An opportunity is planned for students later to apply for supplementary aid by demonstrating need based on Covid-19 disruption.

5. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants. No special instructions were given, since all who had complied with Title IV eligibility were awarded the same amount. A general announcement was made to the students.

2nd Report June 30, 2020

The 2nd report, effective June 30, 2020, incorporated by reference the statements made above under Grant Number P425E201629 of the initial award of $120,403 designated solely for Covid 19 aid relief directly awarded to students.

As of June 30, 2020, a total of $38,100 had been awarded to students deemed eligible from their Spring Semester 2020 from the funding of the CARES Act Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

As of June 30, 2020 a total of 127 Simmons students received direct grants of $300 each, which includes 11 additional students verified as eligible from the Spring 2020 semester awarded after the first report. No new announcement was made since this was a continuation of the $300 award to every student who met the eligibility guidelines.

Third Report – Distribution of CARES Act Emergency Funding to Students Sept. 30, 2020

The 3rd report, effective September 30, 2020, incorporated by reference the statements made above under Grant Number P425E201629 of the award of $120,403 designated solely for Covid 19 aid relief directly awarded to students.

During the summer months of July and August 2020 no awards were made from the CARES Act Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. During this time, it was decided that supplemental awards would be made to students otherwise eligible under the regulations based on students' application for and demonstration of special financial need due to Covid's disruption of their education. Consequently, an application form was developed and placed on the web under the CARES Act tab. A notice was then distributed to all fall enrollees, advising them of this opportunity. Covid awards will be ongoing throughout the fall semester and awarded to eligible students based on their completion of the application explaining their needs due to Covid disruption of their education.

As of September 30, 2020 an additional $8,904 was awarded to 19 current Simmons students who applied for relief. Students were allowed to continue to apply for Covid relief throughout

the fall semester.

Therefore, as of September 30, 2020, a total of total of $47,004 had been awarded to Simmons students deemed eligible from the funding of the CARES Act Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

Fourth Report – Distribution of CARES Act Emergency Funding to Students Dec. 31, 2020

This 4th report, effective December 31, 2020, incorporated by reference the statements made above under Grant Number P425E201629 designated solely for Covid-19 aid relief directly awarded to students.

Pursuant to the electronic form placed on the Simmons Covid web page and reminders to students made at group zoom meetings and text announcements, more students applied for additional Covid relief. As of December 31, 2020 an additional $22,900 was awarded to 35 current Simmons students who applied for relief.

Therefore, as of December 31, 2020, a total of $69,904 had been awarded to Simmons students deemed eligible from the funding of the CARES Act Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

As of December 30, 2020, the balance of funds remaining in the original grant P425E201629 was $50,499. (This was prior to two subsequent supplemental awards.)

2021 CARES/CRRSA/HEERF/ARP AWARDS

The following reports incorporate by reference the statements made above under Grant Number P425E201629 designated solely for Covid-19 aid relief directly awarded to students.

First Quarter Report, ending March 31, 2021. During the first quarter of 2021, no additional direct student aid awards were made.

Second Quarter Report, ending June 30, 2021. During this period, an additional $50,650 was awarded directly to 81 students. Each awardee received $650.

Third Quarter Report, ending September 30, 2021. During this period, $111,500 was awarded to 51 students in varying amounts based on students requests and explanation of exceptional circumstances. An application form was posted on the college's web page to allow students to apply for funds and explain why they were facing Covid-related hardships. Again, these funds were direct payments to students. None of these awards were applied to their tuition, housing, or fees, as the college is using the institutional and HBCU awards to cover their unpaid tuition, housing, and fees.

Fourth Quarter Report, ending December 31, 2021. During this period, $205,360, which was comprised of 95 cash awards to 81 students in varying amounts based on students requests and explanation of exceptional circumstances. Some students got multiple awards based on their

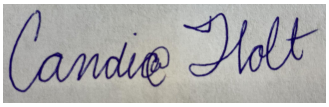
applications and changing circumstances. The application form was posted on the college's web page to allow students to apply for funds and explain why they were facing Covid-related hardships. These funds were direct payments to students. None of these awards were applied to their tuition, housing, or fees, as the college is using the institutional and HBCU awards to cover their unpaid tuition, housing, and fees.

2022 CARES/CRRSA/HEERF/ARP AWARDS

The following reports incorporate by reference the statements made above under Grant Number P425E201629 designated solely for Covid-19 aid relief directly awarded to students.

First Quarter Report, ending March 31, 2022. During this period, $196,012.08 was distributed, which was comprised of 190 direct cash awards to 134 students. All students who demonstrated the highest financial need, as determined through the Free Application for Student Financial Aid (FAFSA) received priority. An initial amount of $1240 was provided to each student. Students were offered the opportunity to complete an application for supplementary aid by demonstrating need based on Covid-19 disruption. Supplementary aid was distributed to eligible students in varying amounts based on students' requests and explanation of exceptional circumstances. Students who received supplementary aid received $500 each, unless extenuating circumstances were demonstrated. The application form was posted on the college's web page to allow students to apply for funds and explain why they were facing Covid-related hardships. These funds were direct payments to students. None of these awards were applied to their tuition, housing, or fees, as the college is using the institutional and HBCU awards to cover their unpaid tuition, housing, and fees.

Respectfully submitted,



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