

CULINARY TECH CENTER CARES ACT DISCLOSURE

CARES ACT REPORTING ON EMERGENCY FINANCIAL AID GRANTS TO STUDENTS

On March 27, 2020, the Federal government enacted the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Pub L. No. 116-136, providing funds to institutions from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) to make Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus, including eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance, such as food, course materials, technology, health care, and child care. The law requires institutions to report certain information related to the use of these funds. The following information is reported for the period, August 28, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

- I. This statement shall serve to acknowledge that our institution signed and returned to the US Department of Education the *Certification and Agreement - Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students*. We further attest that our institution has used, and/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.
- II. The total amount of funds that the institution has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Student is \$94,484.
- III. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of December 31, 2020, is \$59,916.48.
- IV. The estimated total number of students at our 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 is 65.
- V. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to date is 52.
- VI. The following is the method used by our institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much each student has received/will receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act:
 - Student must be eligible to receive one or more of the following federal aid programs: Pell Grant, FSEOG, Direct Loan, PLUS Loan and therefore must satisfy the following criteria: 1. U.S. Citizen or Eligible Noncitizen 2. Valid FAFSA on File 3. Valid Social Security Number or Alien Registration Number 4. Registered for Selective Service (Males Only) 5. Valid High Diploma or GED or completion of high school in an approved high school setting 6. Not in Default on Student Loans 7. Enrolled in a degree or certificate program 8. Making satisfactory academic progress 9. Not owing an overpayment on a Title IV grant or loan
 - Student must be actively enrolled in a program at Culinary Tech Center and must have completed their first module to be eligible for funds.

- The total amount of grant funds received for student distribution is \$94,484.00. A total of 70% of the funds received will be divided equally among all currently enrolled students who meet the criteria and choose to apply for the funds. The remaining 30% of the funds received will be disbursed to future enrolled students affected by COVID-19 who meet the criteria and choose to apply for the funds. There will be a flat award amount for all eligible students in the amount of \$1152.24. Any funds left over after the last eligible student is awarded, will be equally distributed among all prior CARES ACT recipients.

VII. The follow instructions/directions/guidance was/will be provided by our institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

Eligible students will receive an email request to complete a request form via DocuSign to provide confirmation that the student has been negatively impacted by COVID19 and which of the allowable uses the student intends to use the funds for (Food, Housing, Course materials, Technology, Health care, and/or Child-care). Request forms will also be made available at school locations for students to fill out and return to School Director or Director of Financial Aid. Funds will be provided to students in the form of a check and issued face to face by a school administrator. A copy of the Emergency Grant Funds form will be kept on file along with proof of the issued check and student signature confirming acceptance.