

CARES Act General Report Update

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The information provided below reflects the only changes made since the original filing of the reports on May 29th and July 7, 2020.

OVERVIEW

All details relating to the application process remain unchanged since the previous report filing on July 7, 2020. Eligibility standards remain the same. Millersville University continues to follow the Department of Education guidelines documented, including all determinations set forth in the June 17, 2020 final rule, including requiring Title IV eligibility and exclusion of students enrolled in an online program as of March 13, 2020.

As of Monday, August 24, 2020, Millersville University has awarded **\$1,860,229.72** to a total of 2,382 students. This amount is approximately 75% of the total student share of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund that Millersville University received. We have **\$648,420.28** remaining in the fund.

AWARDING

Millersville University continues to use its unique application process to determine eligibility and award amounts. In addition, specific populations with additional financial need have been identified. In total, Millersville University is currently identifying students through three separate population selections:

Population 1: Students complete the CARES Relief Fund application

- By applying, all eligibility checks are done automatically, immediately eliminating ineligible students
- Students applying through this process typically stay within the \$500 - \$1,000 award guidelines, determined by EFC as described in the initial report.

Population 2: Students incorrectly refunded housing monies due to COVID-19 adjustments

- 285 students were identified as having received an excess amount of money from the housing refunds calculated during the Spring 2020 COVID-19 adjustments. Out of this population, **283** students, upon manual review, were determined to be eligible for CARES.
- Award amounts were determined on a case-by-case basis, according to how much money the student owed back to the university due to the overage they received. This amount varied from as low as \$163.10 up to \$1,232.53. The total amount of additional CARES money awarded to this limited population was **\$177,029.95**.

Population 3: Students with exceptional need

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- Students for this population are identified on a case-by-case basis. Manual eligibility reviews are conducted for this population. For those students that do not have clearly documented COVID-19 related circumstances are asked to complete the CARES Relief Fund application, where they may indicate if they incurred additional expenses due to COVID-19.
- Award amounts are determined based on each student's financial need. Additional factors taken into consideration include a student's existing financial aid award, including how much need-based aid the student may already have.
- A subset of this population includes students who have received an approved special conditions appeal. Manual eligibility checks are completed for this population as well, with Millersville University requesting that students complete the CARES Relief Fund application if existing documentation does not clearly demonstrate COVID-19 related expenses.
- For this population, including the subset population identifying special conditions students, award amounts vary from \$500 up to a possible \$3,000 award. Any amounts above \$3,000 may only be awarded with prior approval from the Associate Vice President of Student Financial Services.