

MIDDLE GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY
HIGHER EDUCATION EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND – EMERGENCY FINANCIAL AID GRANTS TO STUDENTS
FINAL 45-DAY FUND REPORT UPDATE
October 9, 2020

Middle Georgia State University (MGA) has applied for funds from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) funds under Section 18004(e) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). Pursuant to Section 18004(e) of the CARES Act. As directed by the required Certification and Agreement, Middle Georgia State University has prepared its third and final 45-day update to its original “30-day Fund Report” below.

1. MGA has signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education (Department) the Recipient’s Funding Certification and Agreement, assuring 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.
2. **\$2,994,084** — the total amount of funds MGA will receive, pursuant to the Recipient’s Funding Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
3. **\$2,994,084** — the total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants MGA has distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of August 20, 2020.
4. **4,221** — the estimated total number of students at MGA that are 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. However, as the CARES Act has additional requirements for eligibility, such as excluding students that were enrolled fully in online classes, not all students that are Title IV eligible are eligible for the CARES Act Emergency Financial Aid Grants.
5. **4,067**— the total number of students confirmed as eligible for the CARES Act grants and who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. However, as the CARES Act has additional requirements for eligibility, such as excluding students that were enrolled fully in online classes.
6. The Emergency Financial Aid Grant funds received by MGA under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act will support immediate “Automatic Grants” (for students who did have a FAFSA on file as of March 13, 2020 and automatically awarded to eligible students) and “Emergency Grants” (for students who did not have a FAFSA on file as of March 13, 2020 or for those awarded automatic grants and in need of additional funds, awarded via an application process to eligible students). The methods used by the MGA to determine which students receive these funds and how much they would receive are as follows:
 - a. CARES Act Automatic Grants Eligibility Requirements
 - i. Student must have been enrolled in at least one face-to-face class on March 13, 2020
 - ii. Eligible students must be Title IV eligible (Eligibility is not a function of income. Most students who submit a FAFSA will be eligible). MGA will determine Title IV eligibility via a student’s 2019-2020 FAFSA report that would have been on file with the University on March 13, 2020.

A points system was used to allocate Spring Semester funds and attempts to prioritize students with demonstrated need, such as Pell recipients, while also distributing the funds

as widely and quickly as possible. The points system also takes into consideration those most impacted by the move to online courses. Points are awarded to students as follows:

		Points
Enrolled in all Face to Face (F2F) Classes 3/13/2020	(Transitioned to new learning environment)	2
OR		
Enrolled in F2F & online 3/13/2020	Partially transitioned to a new learning environment	1
Living on campus	Living situation was disrupted	1
Pell Recipient	Had demonstrated	2

The total number of points available to students is 5 and each point is worth \$200. The maximum amount that can be awarded to a student is \$1,000.

b. CARES Act Emergency Grants Eligibility Requirements

- i. Student must have been enrolled in at least one face-to-face class on March 13, 2020
- ii. Eligible students must be Title IV eligible (Eligibility is not a function of income. Most students who submit a FAFSA will be eligible). MGA will determine Title IV eligibility via a student’s 2019-2020 FAFSA report.

Students for whom we did not have a completed a 2019-20 FAFSA on file as of March 13 - May request the FAFSA be sent to Middle Georgia State University. If eligible, they will be awarded points as noted in 6.a. CARES Act Automatic Grants Eligibility Requirements.

Students who received a CARES Act grant may also be eligible for additional funds – Funds will be allocated based on the student’s demonstrated need.

Applications will be reviewed and funds distributed on a first-come-first-served basis until funds are exhausted. Once all funds have been distributed, there will be no additional funds available. If any funds remain after awarding all requests submitted as of the deadline, MGA will distribute the remaining funds on after August 20, 2020 among those who submitted applications for emergency grants.

- 7. Instructions, directions, or guidance provided by MGA to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants is located here: <https://www.mga.edu/financial-aid/caresgrants.php>