

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Reporting Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students HEERF III- CSSARP

The University of Montana Western acknowledges that we have signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement assuring that we have and will use, no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004 (a)(1) of the Cares Supplemental Support American Rescue Plan (CSSARP) to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

The University of Montana Western has received a total amount of **\$1,705,928.00** CARES Act funds to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to our students.

As of September 30, 2021, the amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the 18004 (a)(1) of the Cares Supplemental Support American Rescue Plan (CSSARP) is **\$1,283,260.31**.

The **initial** estimated number of students at The University of Montana Western who may be eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to under the CSSARP is **1288**.

The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the Cares Supplemental Support American Rescue Plan (CSSARP) is **1229**.

As of October 28, 2021, the amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the 18004 (a)(1) of the Cares Supplemental Support American Rescue Plan (CSSARP) is **\$1,318,260.31**.

The estimated number of students at The University of Montana Western who may be eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to under the CSSARP is **1305**.

The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the Cares Supplemental Support American Rescue Plan (CSSARP) is **1279**.

The method used by The University of Montana Western to determine which students were eligible to receive Cares Supplemental Support American Rescue Plan (CSSARP) Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much the students could receive is:

- a. the Registrar/Institutional Research Department pulled a report of all enrolled students for Fall 2021
- b. first Initial round of awards were given based on **1**) if the student was Pell Grant eligible (had a FAFSA on file) FM Expected Family Contribution (EFC) & **2**) their enrollment at the time the award was made (no application required). Students must be in attendance at the time of their award to receive funds
- c. awards were based on a rubric tier which has two different categories: 1) Pell Eligible & their Enrollment & 2) Non-Pell Eligible & their Enrollment
- d. reports will be run periodically by our Registrar/Institutional Research Department (after each Block period) to identify any new students who have enrolled and awards will be based on the rubric tiers
- e. **no application process will be used for the fall semester and If funds remain, it will be determined by the committee as to how those funds will be awarded for future semesters**