

CARES Act HEERF Reporting Disclosure – HEERF I Reporting Disclosures

The University of the Southwest – Department of Education – CARES Act – Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) Section 18004 Reporting Disclosure

In accordance with the Department of Education (DOE) as a provision of Section 18004 of the CARES Act, University of the Southwest (USW) has received and distributed funds directly to students to assist them with emergency financial relief related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus. These grants are intended for use by students for food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care.

University of the Southwest received a total of \$435,854 under HEERF I and is required to allocate directly to students no less than 50% of the total funds received. USW distributed slightly more than the 50% minimum that was required (i.e., \$219,100) directly to students. On May 9, 2020, USW mailed checks to 252 eligible students with notification to each student that a grant was being distributed. Eligible students were those face-to-face undergraduate students who filed a FAFSA for the 2019-2020 academic year and who were enrolled full-time in Spring 2020. Online students and international students were not eligible for funding. USW relied on student financial aid records to determine how much each eligible student would receive. Based on need, the amount each student received varied with the typical grant awarded in the amount of \$575. In addition, housing and meal plan credits were issued to students upon application in the amount of \$187,151 coming from HEERF funding provided in institutional aid. Remaining HEERF funding of \$29,603 for institutional purposes purchased personal protective equipment.

University of the Southwest also received \$31,637 as a minority serving institution and \$32,509 as FIPSE. These amounts were used to provide computer resources for online learning.

USW signed and returned the Certification and Agreement form and the institution has used no less than the required amount of funds received to provide HEERF grants to students.

Financial aid counselors are available to students during the COVID-19 crisis. Advisement is available by phone, zoom, and in person when COVID safe practices permit. Appointments can be scheduled through <https://www.usw.edu/Admissions/Financial-Aid/Contact-Us>.

For consideration of financial aid adjustment through professional judgement (PJ), contact the Director of Financial Aid and Data Compliance at <https://www.usw.edu/Admissions/Financial-Aid/Contact-Us>