

CARES Act HEERF Reporting Disclosure – HEERF III 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 \$1,383,865 from HEERF III and is required to allocate directly to students no less than \$691,933 of the total funds received. USW distributed \$692,183 to students. USW relied on student financial aid records to determine how much each eligible student would receive. A total of 1,115 students, including undergraduate, graduate, and international students received awards through their student account portal, with availability for direct disbursement. The typical award averaged approximately \$600. Priority was given to those students with financial need. Awards were determined considering Pell eligibility, housing, payment terms, and account balances.

University of the Southwest also received \$84,039 as a minority serving institution. 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>