



**Emergency Financial Aid to Students under the CARES Act**  
30-Day Report  
May 11, 2020

The following report is submitted by Daemen College, as a recipient of Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF), in compliance with Section 18004(e) of the CARES Act as our initial report (the "30-day Fund Report") to the Secretary thirty (30) days from the date of the institution's Certification and Agreement to the U.S. Department of Education (Department).

1. Daemen College has signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement. Daemen College will use no less than 50% of the funds received (\$1,872,946) under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
2. Daemen College has received \$936,473 from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
3. As of May 11, 2020, Daemen College has distributed \$870,098 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
4. Daemen College has an estimated 1860 students 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.
5. As of May 11, 2020, a total of 718 Daemen College students have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

6. The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

Daemen College established a simple process for students to apply for Emergency Student Financial Aid under the CARES Act and an application was posted on the College's main COVID-19 information page on our website. A CARES Act Emergency Student Financial Aid Committee, comprised of representatives from Financial Aid (Financial Aid Director as Chair), Student Affairs, Academic Affairs, and the Center for Diversity and Inclusion, scored each application based on a rubric. The scoring rubric included eight categories as identified in CARES Act guidance: Food, Housing, Technology, Course Materials, Child Care, Employment, COVID-19 related health concerns, and Death. Each category received a rating on a 1 to 3 scale with "0" signifying "not affected at all" and "3" signifying "in dire need of support and resources." Student applications then received a total score from 0 to 24 (lowest to highest need). Tiers with corresponding monetary values were used to distribute funds based on total scores, as follows:

Tier	Funding Level
0	\$200
1-4	\$700
5-8	\$1,200
9-12	\$1,700
13-16	\$2,200
17-20	\$2,700
21-24	\$3,200

7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

Daemen College created a dedicated webpage for awarding CARES Act Student Emergency Financial Aid. The Daemen College FAQs for this funding mirrored guidance provided by the U.S. Department of Education. All of this information is available on the