Covenant School of Nursing and Allied Health – Student Emergency Financial Aid Grants

Quarterly Report - HEERF Funds

1. An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance 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.

The Covenant School of Nursing and Allied Health signed the Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students Certification and Agreement on 4/22/20 and submitted it to the Department via Grants.gov on 4/23/20. CSON has used 100% of its Emergency Financial Aid funds for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. CSON has expended all of its Institutional Funds, expending a portion on Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. CSON has spent all of its FIPSE funds, expending a portion on Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students

2. The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

CSON has received \$201,912 for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

CSON has received \$201,911 for Institutional Funds.

CSON has received \$96,177 for its FIPSE portion.

3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the 30-day Report and every 45 days thereafter).

\$201,912 under Emergency Financial Aid Grants

\$119,294.06 under Institutional Funds

\$94,983.08 under FIPSE

4. The estimated total number of students at the institution 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.

488 Students

5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

313 students

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.

Covenant School of Nursing and Allied Health (which includes the Schools of Nursing and Radiography) was required to go from face-to-face theory and clinicals to totally online instruction because of COVID-19 restrictions. This occurred as of 3/23/20. We determined that all students were adversely affected by this change, therefore we gave all students the potential to receive the CARES Emergency Financial Aid funding. For the initial round of funding, the amount was divided equally among all students based on their clock-hour status. We also reviewed the CSON Cost of Attendance Survey that was completed in January 2020. Those students that did not file a 2019-20 or 2020-21 FAFSA were evaluated by the Financial Aid Officer to ensure they met FSA Title IV eligibility. Four students were deemed ineligible due to not meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress. Each eligible student, totaling 253 students received: Traditional RN and Radiography students = \$803.86; LVN-RN students = \$600.37. All students who ended up receiving grants were Title IV eligible.

The initial round of Emergency Financial Aid funds for nursing students were disbursed at a Curbside event held at Covenant School of Nursing on 5/12/20 that also included handing out a face mask, providing students with educational material, and offering IT assistance. The Emergency Financial Aid funds for radiography students were disbursed by the School of Radiography Director.

A second disbursement of funds occurred in July where the remaining Emergency Financial Aid funds were awarded to four Covenant School of Nursing student applicants. Subsequent rounds have continued to expend all funds.

Currently, any student wishing to be considered for CARES funds must complete the CARES ACT Emergency Relief Fund Application. The application is on our website and students are also sent emails with the application attached around the beginning of each module. Students submit their application, along with supporting documents, to the Financial Aid Officer who forwards them to the CARES committee for review and approval.

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

Please see attached application.