



IMPORTANT COVID-19 FAQ's FOR THIEL COLLEGE STUDENTS

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was signed into law on March 27, 2020. The CARES Act includes a Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) that provides emergency funding colleges and universities across the United States. Per the federal regulations, the College is providing the following information regarding these funds.

1. Has Thiel College complied with all regulations related to their application for CARES Act funding?

Thiel College acknowledges that it has signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used, or intends to use, no less than 50 percent of the initial award to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students (CARES Act, Section 18004(a)(1)).

2. How much funding was awarded to Thiel College?

On April 14, 2020, Thiel College applied for and was granted funding through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The amount that was initially granted to the College was \$931,754—one half of this amount (\$465,877) will be awarded to eligible students as Emergency Financial Aid Grants. The other half (\$465,877) will be used by the College to offset expenses related to the disruption of campus operations. Subsequently, the College was awarded an additional \$45,386 to further offset campus operation disruptions.

3. What is the amount that the College has distributed to students?

As of May 13, 2020, Thiel College has not yet distributed any funds to students but anticipates that distribution will occur prior to May 22, 2020.

4. How many students at Thiel College will qualify for CARES funding? Who is eligible?

The U.S. Department of Education recently issued guidance on distribution of these emergency grants to students, requiring that all recipients be Title IV eligible. This means that students must be eligible to receive federal financial aid. The College estimates the total number of students at Thiel eligible to participate in program is 619 students.

5. How many students have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act?

As of May 13, 2020, no students have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act from Thiel College.

6. How did Thiel College determine the manner by which CARES Act funds will be awarded to our students?

As directed by HEERF, the College will distribute \$465,877 to eligible students. Thiel College has chosen to use a tiered approach that provides funds to these students based upon disruption and level of need.

The College calculated each student's score representing the accumulation of points based on several variables to determine funding. Each student was assigned a percentage of the total points by dividing the student's points by the total number of points. Each student's relative percentage of points was applied against the total amount of funds available to determine the grant amount for the student.

Variables used to determine funding included:

- Expected Family Contribution
- Amount of Federal Student Loan
- Loss of Meal Plan
- Loss of income from campus jobs
- Distance traveled to return home

7. How will Thiel College students receive their awards?

Students will receive their grants by a check sent to the home address that is on record at the College. They will be notified by campus e-mail when the checks are mailed.

For more information on the HEER, please visit the Department's [CARES Act: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund](#) page.

Contact Information

If you have questions about the information in this announcement, contact HEERF@ed.gov