

CARES ACT: OKLAHOMA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

This document provides the necessary documentation to comply with Section 18004(e) of the Corona Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("[CARES Act](#)" or the "Act"), Pub. L. No. 116-136, 134 Stat. 281 (March 27, 2020).

1. On April 13, 2020, Oklahoma Christian University signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement document under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. Section 18004(c) of the CARES Act established the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund ("[HEERF](#)"); this relief funding is for eligible students to help cover expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the pandemic.
2. Oklahoma Christian University was eligible to receive [\\$809,586](#) for the 50% Student Share portion of the CARES Act Emergency Grant and we have received the full \$809,586.
3. 835 students received on average \$971 each for a total distribution of \$809,586. Checks began being mailed out on May 5, 2020 and were completed by June 25, 2020.
4. Approximately 1900 students were eligible (and/were possibly eligible) under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
5. As of June 25, 2020, 835 students had received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
6. As of June 25, 2020, Oklahoma Christian University had used 100% of the funds received.
7. Students must have met federal financial aid eligibility requirements in order to have received CARES Act/HEERF funding.

Reasons for HEERF Eligibility ([details here, question 9](#)):

- [Title IV eligible](#) (filed a 2019-2020 FAFSA and no outstanding C code issues)
- Not enrolled in an exclusively online program
- Enrolled during the SP-20 semester

Reasons for HEERF Ineligibility ([details here, question 9](#)):

- Have not filed a 2019-2020 FAFSA form, so Title IV eligibility is unknown
- High school students in the Early College program or are Dual Enrolled
- A Non-Degree Seeking or Audit student
- Not a US Citizen
- Enrolled in an exclusively online program (Strategic Leadership – AL program)
- Not enrolled during the SP-20 semester

THE SELECTION PROCESS:

- Students completed an application for the Hardship Grant and provided associated documentation. The Student Financial Services Office reviewed their federal aid eligibility based on Title IV guidelines and approved the funding. The payments were then approved by the Business Office before being sent as a cash deposit or check to each student.

These CARES grant funds are considered nontaxable income, <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/faqs-higher-education-emergency-relief-fund-and-emergency-financial-aid-grants-under-the-cares-act>