

## CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) Report

This report provides information regarding Ohio Northern University's receipt and use of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund to make emergency grants to ONU students. The following is provided in accordance with U.S. Department of Education reporting requirements.

- Ohio Northern University submitted the signed certification and agreement form for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) to the U.S. Department of Education. The university certifies that no less than 50% of the funds received will be used to provide emergency grants to students.
- ONU received \$1,094,855 from HEERF to be awarded in student emergency grants.
- As of September 2, 2020, \$1,085,188 of the HEERF have been paid to ONU students.
- ONU estimates that 2362 students are eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and therefore eligible to receive an emergency financial aid grant.
- As of September 2, 2020, 780 students have received an emergency financial aid grant from the HEERF student portion.
- On April 24, 2020, an email was sent to all ONU students enrolled for spring semester 2020 with application instructions for emergency grant funding. Students were provided information and an application link. A text message with application information was sent to students on April 27, 2020. Submitted applications were reviewed, and continue to be reviewed, by a university committee. Award amounts were/are determined through review of expenses submitted on the emergency grant application.
- The email message to students is shown below. The application link is <https://my.onu.edu/webform/92884>.

Dear ONU Student,

Recently the U.S. Dept. of Education passed the CARES Act: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund to provide students with emergency financial aid grants to help cover expenses due to the COVID-19 crisis.

Ohio Northern University has received its CARES grant funding distribution and has established an application process intended to help students who have experienced unforeseen expenses due to the disruption of campus operations including food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, transportation and other related expenses. If you are an ONU student who has experienced unexpected financial hardship as a result of our campus closure and move to online classes, you are eligible to submit an [application](#) for emergency grant funding. Application consideration will begin on April 29 and will continue until funding has been exhausted. Grants will be distributed based on the specific needs presented in the application and availability of funding.

For questions about this grant funding and the application process, please contact Melanie Weaver, director of financial aid, at [m-weaver.2@onu.edu](mailto:m-weaver.2@onu.edu) or 419-772-2271.