

CARES Act Reporting

April 26, 2021

1. An acknowledgment 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.

NMC acknowledges that the authorized representative signed and returned to the Department of Education (ED) the Recipient's Funding Certification and Agreement on April 11, 2020, and assures that the institution 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.

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.

The US Department of Education issued *Award No. P425E200216* for a total amount of **\$919,666** which will be provided directly to NMC students impacted by campus disruptions due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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).

As of March 31, 2021, a total of \$896,392.87 has been disbursed to students enrolled in the Spring and Fall 2020 semesters.

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 during Fall 2020 semester.

1,171 students were eligible for Fall 2020; however, only 870 students responded to the internal Fall 2020 CARES Act form that was emailed to students on October 22, 2020.

5. The total number of students at the Northern Marianas College who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act during the Fall 2020 semester.

Out of the 870 students that responded, 46 students were ineligible due to dual enrollment or visa status. Therefore, leaving **824 eligible** students to receive CARES Act funding for the Fall 2020 semester.

In February 2021, a review of the student eligibility list was conducted a second time for verification and it was found that 347 additional students were eligible, except for 1 student who withdrew completely, leaving 346 eligible students remaining. After the financial aid review out of 346, 48 students didn't receive due to withdrawal. So an additional 298 students were eligible to receive CARES Act funding.

6. Eligibility for students to receive Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) grants under Section 18004(a)(1) of the Cares Act was based on the Department of Education's guidance on April 23, 2020, indicating that funds are limited to those who demonstrate eligibility to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965. Additionally, NMC determined particular criteria that students will need to meet, in order to be eligible for HEERF funding and how much will be received.

Established Student Determination Criteria:

- a. Students must be current full-time (FT) or part-time (PT) students for Fall 2020. For Fall 2020, all eligible full and part-time students were equally distributed \$242.48 via paper checks or applied toward their tuition.
- b. Students participating in the University of Guam (UOG) consortium agreement and who identified UOG as their home school, will not be eligible for NMC disbursement. Funds will be provided through UOG.
- c. Students who are attending Maricopa County Community College (Rio Salado) through a consortium agreement with NMC and who identified NMC as their home school are considered eligible.