



HIGHER EDUCATION EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND (HEERF) ELIGIBILITY & DISTRIBUTION POLICY

Eric Fisher Academy signed and returned the Certification and Agreement on May 19, 2020 with assurance that Eric Fisher Academy will use and 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.

As a result of the recent pandemic, the US government has made emergency funds available to students. Eric Fisher Academy will administer those funds to students that have filled out the HEERF Student Certification Form and are eligible.

It is the intent of Eric Fisher Academy to allow each student to answer the question of a changing family financial situation due to coronavirus which will make that student eligible to receive funds.

Once all the HEERF Student Certification Forms were signed and returned, we will be calculating how many students indicate need and divide that number by the total amount of funds that are to be distributed to students.

The following eligibility criteria was used:

- Students who completed the HEERF Student Certification Form, in accordance with the U.S. Department of Education, were eligible.
- Students who were enrolled and attending classes as of March 20, 2020 to May 18, 2020 whose education was affected by COVID-19. Students on probation or on an approved Leave of Absence were eligible.
- Students who are graduated but were enrolled and attending classes as of March 20, 2020 are eligible.

Eric Fisher Academy received \$128,338.00 in grant funds. We intend to give 100% of the student portion received under Section 18004(a) (1) CARES Act directly to students.

Eric Fisher Academy had 134 students eligible and 101 students received the grant. Our distribution formula was $\$128,338.00 / 101 = \$1,271.00$. All students are required to sign an acknowledgement form. Grant distribution will begin on July 8, 2020. As of October 5, 2020, all student checks have cleared.

Eric Fisher Academy feels this is the best way to distribute these funds and the most effective way to make sure that those that need the help get it. We will not discriminate in the disbursement of funds.

For any questions related to Eric Fisher Academy's HEERF Policy, please contact Lynna Cherry, Financial Aid Leader, at lcherry@ericfisheracademy.com or 316-440-5555 ext.314 or Erin Sutton, Assistant Director, at esutton@ericfisheracademy.com or 316-440-5555 ex. 315.

**There will be no updates due to all funds being disbursed and all checks being cleared.



Cares HEERF (HIGHER EDUCATION EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND) Distribution Policy
Student Certification Form

Eric Fisher Academy will be distributing checks to all students from the CARES HEERF fund. The amount of money (checks) distributed to all students will be spread across the student body evenly to those affected by the COVID-19.

Have you been affected by COVID -19? Please check-mark which answer suits your situation:

Yes OR No

If yes, fill in the information below:

I, _____, certify that I have been affected by COVID-19 and therefore agree to use the funds distributed to me for the following needs: *food, housing, course materials, technology, health-care and/or child care expenses* as stipulated in the CARES HEERF Policy set forth by the US Department of Education.

These funds will not be used for tuition expenses or paying off tuition balances.

The funds distributed will be distributed to all students attending Eric Fisher Academy that have certified that they have been affected in any of the above areas. Please sign below and add your current mailing address.

If you are a cash pay student and did not take out Financial Aid to pay for the program, you will need to complete a 19/20 FAFSA. The website to complete the FAFSA is below:

https://fafsa.ed.gov/spa/fafsa/#/LOGIN?locale=en_US

Student signature

Date

Address

City, State, Zip

School signature

Date



Stephenia Lockhart Dugan shared a link

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During these are unprecedented and challenging times for you, the Department of Education has allotted grant money to Eric Fisher Academy, through the CARES Act, to be allocated to those affected by COVID-19.

In order to receive these funds, you will need to complete a certification form, stating you have been affected by COVID-19. These funds will not be used for tuition expenses or paying off balances. If you are NOT using financial Aid and have not completed a FAFSA, you will need to complete a 19/20 FAFSA before we can distribute any money to you.

The due date to have the certification form completed and to have the FAFSA completed is no later than June 8, 2020. You will find the Student Certification form in your **task folder on your Class App**.

The Website to complete the FAFSA is:

https://fafsa.ed.gov/spa/fafsa/#/LOGIN?locale=en_US

Please see me, Lynna Cherry in FA, for any questions!