

CARES Act Reporting

Amberton University received federal funds to provide eligible students emergency financial aid grants for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the COVID-19 crisis. The following information is required by the Department of Education in order to comply with the reporting requirements under the CARES Act. Data will be updated every 30 days.

Last update: October 10, 2020

No additional updates or funding received by the University

Last update: September 1, 2020

No additional updates or funding received by the University

Last update: August 17, 2020

No additional updates or funding received by the University

Updated: June 24, 2020

1. An acknowledgement 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.

Amberton University signed and returned the certification and agreement form on April 23, 2020. As required by signing the form, the University agrees to use at least 50 percent of the funds received for emergency financial aid grants to students.

2. The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department of Education pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

The Department of Education allocated the total sum of \$135,514 to Amberton University, at least 50 percent (\$67,757) to be used as specifically designated as emergency financial aid grants to students. To date, Amberton University has received \$67,757 in grant funds. The remaining half of the funds has not been requested as of this date.

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 May 29, 2020, Amberton University distributed \$67,757 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students or 100% of its grant funds received to date.

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.

Amberton University estimates 272 students are eligible to receive the grant funds.

5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

As of May 29, 2020, 32 Amberton University students received emergency financial aid grants. This number represents the total number of eligible students who applied for the grant funds.

6. The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

To make application for the funds, Amberton University students completed an online application describing the expenses and hardships incurred because of the disruption of campus operations during the COVID-19 crisis. Amberton University evaluated students' eligibility and reviewed their need as described in the application. A date was given as to when applications should be submitted although the process was kept open past the due date. Amberton University established a guideline that no student would receive a grant that was greater than the current PELL Grant amount (per recommendations by Secretary DeVoss). It is noteworthy that several students responded with gratitude that they were contacted but indicated they declined to apply since they had made other financial arrangements, requesting that funds be made available to other students who were in financial need.

On May 29, 2020, after giving ample time for application, Amberton sent out grants to 32 students of \$2117.40 each. The checks were sent directly to each student without posting to the students' accounts.

7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

On May 7 and 13, 2020, Amberton University sent an email to Spring 2020 students who were eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and were not enrolled in an online program prior to March 13, 2020. The email outlined the application process and the use of the emergency grant funds, i.e. to mitigate hardships and expenses incurred by the disruption of campus operations during the COVID-19 crisis. Students who received emergency grant funds received instructions enclosed with the check once again identifying the use of the funds.

