

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) Reporting - Cares Act Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

1. Murray State University signed and returned the 'Recipient's Funding Certification and Agreement' for the Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act on **April 13th, 2020**. Murray State University will spend no less than 50% of the funds it receives under Section 18004 (a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
2. Murray State University will receive **\$3,135,385** under Section 18004 (a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. This amount represents 50% Murray State University's total allotment under the legislation.
3. As of **May 21th, 2020, \$614,858.56** has been distributed to students.
4. Murray State University estimates around **6,000** students are currently eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in the Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965.
5. As of May 21th, 2020, 727 students have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
6. Murray State University's methodology for distributing funds under the CARES Act:
 - a. All students at Murray State University were able to apply for funds through the myGate Student portal. The application collected the following information: (1) Time of Application, (2) Murray State Student ID Number, (3) Name, (4) Murray State Email Address, (5) Confirmation student incurred expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus including eligible expenses associated with cost of attendance such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care (6) Estimate of incurred expenses, and (7) Certification that information provided was true and correct.
 - b. Applications will be evaluated to confirm eligibility and reviewed for approval by an appointed committee. The awards will be based on the amount the student requested and the max award will be determined by the number of eligible expected applications.
7. Prospective applicants were sent the following communication:

From: **Admin News** <news.admin@murraystate.edu>
Date: Mon, May 4, 2020 at 1:38 PM
Subject: CARES Act Student Emergency Grant Funding Application
To: <students@list.murraystate.edu>

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If you have expenses related to the disruption of campus, please click on the link below to complete the application. For priority consideration, please complete by Friday, May 15, 2020. Submitting this application does not guarantee that you will be eligible to receive funds.

[Murray State CARES Emergency Grant Application](#)

This application can also be found in the Financial Aid Forms channel located on your Financial Aid/Scholarships tab in myGate.

From: Presidential News <news.president@murraystate.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 10:41 AM
To: students@list.murraystate.edu
Subject: CARES Act Student Emergency Grant Funding Application

May 13, 2020

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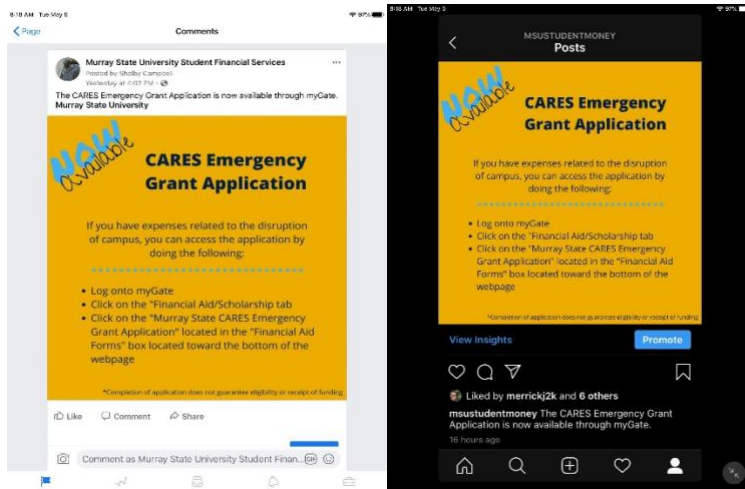
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Sincerely,

Bob Jackson
President

Social Media Posts:



Texts to eligible students that had not applied on 05/12/20:

The MSU CARES Emergency Grant application is now available through myGate. Priority application deadline is May 15, 2020.

Email to Grant recipients:
CARES Emergency Grant

You have been awarded a CARES Emergency Grant based on your recent CARES application. To see the amount of the grant, you may log into your myGate account and review your student account. The check or direct deposit will be processed in the next few business days.

You are receiving this grant based on the expenditures that you have identified as being related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus. Eligible expenditures may have included food, housing, course materials, technology, healthcare, and childcare.

If you have additional questions, please email msu.bursar@murraystate.edu.

Wendy Cain
Director of Student Financial Services
Student Financial Services
Murray State University