

Explanation of General Grant

The College distributed HEERF funds to Traditional Undergraduates, Students in Teaching Certificate Programs, Graduate Students in Classroom/Hybrid courses, and Students at our Pittsburgh (CUBM) campus.

In accordance with the CARES Act, only students eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 were deemed eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants. Students were required to verify eligibility by submitting a completed FAFSA. Students who were scheduled for degree conferral in May 2020 and did not have a FAFSA on file were given opportunity to provide proof of eligibility before they ceased to be students at the College, becoming ineligible for receipt. Non-seniors were provided until May 22, 2020 to establish grant eligibility by completing a FAFSA, and will be given an additional opportunity in the future.

The College established a general grant of \$300.00 for each eligible student, regardless of the student's Expected Family Contribution (EFC), resident/commuter status, or course or level (*i.e.* undergraduate or graduate) of study. In doing so, the College recognized that students would have many of the same categories of expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus irrespective of their EFC, including for food/groceries; technology hardware and connectivity; course resources (e.g. ebooks, textbooks, supplies, etc.); travel (*i.e.* to the College to retrieve belongings and/or to return to their permanent residence); housing (e.g., rent and utilities for alternative housing); health care and child care.

Explanation of Need-based Additional Grant Amounts

EFC equal to or less than \$1,000

Student received a general grant of \$300, plus a need-based grant of \$704.70, for a total grant of \$1,004.70.

Reasoning: These are the College students with the greatest financial need.

EFC of \$1,001 – \$6,500.

Student received a general grant of \$300, plus a need-based grant of \$553.39, for a total grant of \$853.39.

Reasoning: The College established a threshold of \$6,500 as it relates to the EFC and full PELL eligibility.

EFC of \$6,501 – \$12,000.

Student received a general grant of \$300, plus a need-based grant of \$327.25, for a total grant of \$627.25.

Reasoning: The College established a threshold of \$12,000 as it relates to a student's resources to pay for college (EFC) and PHEAA grant eligibility.

EFC greater than \$12,000

Student received a general grant of \$300, plus a need-based grant of \$103.11, for a total grant of \$403.11.

Reasoning: The College established a threshold of \$12,000 as it relates to a student's resources to pay for college.