

Northwestern Michigan College use of Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds

Quarterly Report for the period ended March 31, 2021

CARES ACT HIGHER EDUCATION EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND - HEERF I

On April 14, 2020, Northwestern Michigan College (NMC) signed and returned the Certification and Agreement to participate in the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF), made available through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). NMC agreed to use no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Aid Grants to students. NMC was allocated a total of \$2,124,216 for institutional support and direct student grants. In addition, NMC has signed and returned the Certification and Agreement for an additional \$104,225 as an institution approved for the Strengthening Institutions Program (SIP).

NMC's final report on Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, as of October 8, 2020 showed:

- Total amount distributed to students: \$1,062,108
- Estimate of total number of NMC students who may be eligible to receive HEERF Grants: 3,147
- Total number of students who have received HEERF Grants: 710

To receive HEERF Grants, students must have been enrolled in Spring, Summer or Fall semester 2020 and eligible for Title IV financial aid as determined by completion and verification of a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA.gov). Aid was awarded in the order of completion of the grant application. The grant amount was prorated based on the number of credits the student is enrolled in and the availability of funds.

CRRSAA HIGHER EDUCATION EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND - HEERF II

On February 1, 2021, Northwestern Michigan College (NMC) signed and returned the Certification and Agreement to participate in the additional HEERF made available through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA). NMC was allocated a total of \$4,118,115 under CRRSAA; \$3,056,007 for institutional support and we are committed to using \$1,062,108 for direct student grants.

This serves as NMC's quarterly report on Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students as of March 31, 2021:

- Total amount distributed to students: \$1,048,540
- Estimate the total number of NMC students who may be eligible to receive HEERF Grants: 3,032 (932 Pell eligible and 2100 other enrolled students - excluding non-citizens).
- Total number of students who have received HEERF Grants: 1,173

For the CRRSAA awarding, NMC used information from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to prioritize students with financial need. We auto-awarded students in the Pell-eligible range EFC. Students with \$0 EFC received a max award at \$1,600, prorated for enrollment level. Students with up to \$5,711 EFC received a max award of \$1,100, prorated for enrollment level. NMC then opened an application to identify additional students with need. The application was open for a 10-day period after the FAFSA-based awards were disbursed. Remaining funds were divided among eligible students who applied (max \$500 awards).

The application explained eligibility and covered expenses and ask these questions:

- Do you have additional financial need for your Spring 2021 semester educational costs (tuition, fees, housing, food, transportation, books, supplies, or loan fees) or emergency costs due to coronavirus, such as health care (including mental health care), technology or child care? Y/N
- Are you a citizen or permanent resident of the United States? Y/N

Selection: NMC reviewed applications, verified enrollment, and confirmed that there is no information on file conflicting with student responses (citizenship).

ARPA HIGHER EDUCATION EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND - HEERF III

On May 24, 2021 NMC signed and returned the Certification and Agreement to participate in the additional HEERF, made available through the American Rescue Plan Act, 2021 (ARPA). NMC was allocated a total of \$7,212,333 in HEERF III; \$3,532,817 for institutional support and NMC is obligated to spend at least \$3,679,516 for direct grants to students.

NMC has not begun to disburse ARPA funds and will notify students enrolled by email when and how funds will be allocated