

## **Northwestern Michigan College use of CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund - FINAL REPORT**

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).

### **This serves as 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:**

- 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

NMC's method for determining which students receive HEERF and how much they receive is based on the CARES Act and subsequent guidance provided by the Secretary of Education ([CARES Act: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund](#)).

The application was available to all students from April 23, 2020 through August 28, 2020, and has now closed.

## **NMC Student Financial Emergency Fund**

Northwestern Michigan College received funding through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to provide emergency financial aid grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus, including: food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care

To receive HEERF Grants, students must have been enrolled in Spring, Summer or Fall semester 2020 and be eligible for Title IV financial aid as determined by completion and verification of a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA.gov).

Aid is awarded in the order of application. The grant amount was prorated based on the number of credits the student is enrolled in and the availability of funds.

Once awarded, students are notified by email of the award and notified of the eligible expenses as above. The grant is posted directly to the student account and fully refunded within 14 days. The grant cannot be applied to charges on the student account.