

Emergency Financial Aid Grants to ORU Students CARES Act Section 18004(a)(1)

ORU signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement on April 10, 2020 and will 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.

The total amount of funds that ORU has received from the Department of Education pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students is \$1,466,619.

The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of June 22, 2020 is \$1,466,619, which has been distributed to 1,906 students.

The estimated total number of ORU students 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 was determined to be 2,097 students in the Spring 2020 residential term.

ORU used the following methodology to determine which students received Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act:

Grant funds were distributed to students who experienced educational disruption due to COVID-19. The population of students determined to have experienced the highest level of disruption at ORU were full time undergraduate students who resided in on campus housing during the Spring 2020 semester through at least March 13, 2020. As such, this group was given priority in awarding. A secondary priority was placed on the population of full time undergraduate students who participated in on campus classes but did not reside in on campus housing. The University used the federal methodology of the 2019-2020 FAFSA EFC to determine the applicable amount of funds to distribute, providing grant amounts corresponding first to Pell Grant eligibility and thereafter federal need.

Eligible full time undergraduate on-campus residents were notified of fund processes via electronic mail on April 24, 2020. Eligible full time undergraduate commuter students were notified of fund processes on August 13, 2020. Part time residential, graduate and commuter students who did not receive an automatic distribution were given the opportunity to apply for funding through an online application. Grant recipients whose eligible disruption expenses exceeded the amount granted were also invited to submit an application for additional funding. A committee of five faculty and staff reviewed the applications to determine additional awards. All available funds have now been disbursed.