

CARES Act Report

May 18, 2020

Lakeland University signed and agreed to the Certification and Agreement with the Department of Education. Lakeland assures to you no less than 50% of the funds received under section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act for Emergency financial grants to students.

Lakeland University acknowledges approval for \$680,556 for Emergency Financial Aid Grants for students.

As of May 6, 2020, \$629,840 dollars have been approved and released to 617 students in accordance with Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

Approximately 1800 students were eligible under the Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965. Applications were received for over 1600 students of which currently 617 have been approved for funding which was released May 8, 2020. Eligible students received an email notification to confirm their eligibility and remind them of the purpose of the emergency grants to students. It also included information on how they should expect to receive the funds.

On the application, students answered questions about transportation, housing, purchasing technology, technology resources, course material, food, child care, and the estimated amount of additional expense in these categories. Point values were assigned to the responses and points for each student were tallied. The higher the points, the greater the educational disruption. The amount of the additional expenses was used to determine the average in various point categories. The average plus \$50 was released to the students that met the point levels.

A Student Relief Fund Task Forces was created to manage this program. The committee was made of the Chief Logistics Officer, one financial aid person, 2 representative from the Kellett School, Institutional Research, and Student Success Team. The Task Force agreed that an application process would be presented to the students. On April 21, 2020, the application was pushed out to all undergraduate and graduate students enrolled for the 2020 Spring term in the Wisconsin-based Lakeland University enterprise and those domestic students who filed for Title IV financial aid enrolled at Lakeland University – Japan. Five reminder emails were sent over the next 10 days. After 10 days, education advisors and success coaches reached out to those who had not yet responded. On May 4, the application closed. A total of 2,650 students were invited to apply. Five email invitations bounced due to invalid email address, and five students opted out of the application invitation and follow-up process. Of the 2,640 invitations delivered to potential applicants, 2,062 (78%) invitations were opened. Of those opened, 1,658 responded (80%).