

ASAOM CARES Act Student Fund Grant / Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)

In compliance with the provisions of Section 4504 in Title II of the 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, also known as the CARES Act, Arizona School of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine has provided CARES Student Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The intent of the CARES Act is to provide financial support to offset expenses incurred as a result of the disruption of campus operations due to the COVID-19 crisis.

HIGHER EDUCATION EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND REPORTING- EMERGENCY FINANCIAL AID GRANTS TO STUDENTS

In accordance with the reporting requirements of Section 18004(e) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, Arizona School of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (ASAOM), an institution receiving funds under this section, is providing the following information:

- ASAOM acknowledges that the University signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement. The institution further certifies it will use a minimum of 50% of the funds, or \$3,928.00 received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
- ASAOM received \$7,856.00 from the Department pursuant to the University's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
- The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of June 12, 2020, is \$3,934.00.
- The estimated total number of students at ASAOM 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 is 32.
- The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is 14 as of June 12, 2020.

- ASAOM has awarded grants of \$281 to each of these 14 students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. Students enrolled during the spring 2020 quarter were able to apply for grants via a simple email application process. ASAOM received the emails, reviewed the requests for completeness and eligibility under the CARES Act, and coordinated the awarding of the funds through the Financial Director. Eligible students were able to apply for grants for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus, including food, housing, course materials, health care, child care, technology-related expenses (such as having to buy a computer when the student's courses were moved online), transportation, and other COVID-19 related expenses.
- Instructions provided by ASAOM to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants can be found via the email sent directly to students.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act was passed by Congress and signed into law to provide economic relief from COVID-19. One section of the CARES Act established the Higher Education Emergency Relief fund and sent money to schools to use for emergency financial aid grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the pandemic.

Degree-seeking students enrolled in spring 2020 who were eligible to apply for federal Title IV financial aid were eligible to apply for CARES Act funds.

*Students enrolled in fully online graduate programs, international, and undocumented students were **not eligible**. It also excluded those who were not currently eligible for aid based on not meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards and withdrawals.