CARES Grant Subaward to the University of Maryland Eastern Shore

The University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) acknowledges that the University of Maryland Global Campus (UMGC) signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement on July 16, 2020 and assures that the institution has used, or intends to use, no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18804(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

Effective July 16, 2020, UMGC granted to UMES a portion of its student emergency financial aid grant allotment of CARES Act funding to enable UMES to provide additional emergency financial assistance to SU’s students who have been impacted by disruptions in campus operations due to the coronavirus crisis.

Of the total amount of funds UMGC received from the Department ($2.6 million) pursuant to the institution’s Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students, UMGC has agreed to provide UMES up to $520,000.

The total cumulative UMGC CARES Grants distributed by UMES to students under Section 18004(a)(1) is $520,000 through October 31, 2020, which supported 1700 students.

UMES Eligibility and Award Determinations

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

1. A student must be enrolled full-time
2. A student must be meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements.
3. A student must not be enrolled in 100% online programs.
4. A student must have filed a 2019–2020 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for spring and summer 2020 semesters and a 2020-2021 FAFSA for the fall 2020 semesters and met the criteria as outlined in section 484-Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to participate in Title IV programs.

After the initial qualification, the list of eligible students was filtered further by the federally calculated estimated family contribution (EFC) from least to greatest. We then tiered the list of students based on EFC. Students with an EFC ranging from 0 - 999 were awarded $330. Students with an EFC greater than 1,000 were awarded $275 or less, as funds allowed.