

**Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Report –  
Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students**

**Date 7/8/20**

**Culinary School Of Fort Worth (The)** (OPE ID: 04276400) received education stabilization funds under Section 18004(a)(1) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”), Public Law No: 116-136. This Fund Report applies to the student portion received under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund that is designated exclusively for emergency financial aid grants to students.

The institution has received these funds and is distributing them in accordance with the CARES Act and implementing guidance.

The institution is making the below information available for transparency purposes and in compliance with the U.S. Department of Education’s (“Department”) Electronic Announcement of May 6, 2020. For questions or concerns regarding this Fund Report, please contact Danielle Rueter, Director of Compliance, [Danielle@csftw.edu](mailto:Danielle@csftw.edu)

1. The institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students. The institution has used, or intends to 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.
2. The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution’s Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students is \$23,630.
3. The total amount of emergency financial aid grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of the date of this Fund Report is \$23,630.
4. The estimated total number of students at the institution 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 under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, as of the date of this Fund Report is 73.
5. The total number of students who have received an emergency financial aid grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of the date of this Fund Report is 63.
6. The methods used by the institution to determine which students receive emergency financial aid grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act are provided at **Attachment A**. (Insert the Institution’s Policy on disbursing funds)
7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the emergency financial aid grants are provided at **Attachment B**. (Insert any guidance the institution provided to the student’s regarding the receipt of the HEERF grant).

## Attachment A



### POLICY AND PROCEDURES for the CARES Act

As a result of the recent pandemic, the US government has made emergency funds available to students. The Culinary School of Fort Worth will administer those funds to students that have filled out the COVID-19 Certification form and are eligible.

It is the intent of The Culinary School of Fort Worth to allow each student to answer the question of a changing family financial situation due to coronavirus which will make that student eligible to receive funds.

Certification Forms will be sent to all students via email. Once all Certification Forms are returned, we will calculate how many students indicate need and divide that number by the total amount of funds that are to be distributed to students.

This emergency student funding is only available to students that are enrolled and attending classes as of 05/18/2020, when the school resumed in-person classes, or completed the program 05-08-20 and are eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965. It is the intent of The Culinary School of Fort Worth to allow each student to answer the question of a changing family financial situation due to coronavirus which will make that student eligible to receive funds. All students will be asked to provide a current address so the checks can be mailed to students.

The Culinary School of Fort Worth feels this is the best way to distribute these funds and the most effective way to ensure that those that need help receive help. We will not discriminate in the disbursement of funds.

We will ask all students for a current address so the checks can be mailed to students.

## **Attachment B**

Email sent to students 05/11/2020

The Department of Education was awarded an emergency grant to assist students who were attending schools of higher education during the COVID-19 emergency school closing and lockdown social distancing requirements in March 2020.

The CARES ACT HIGHER ED Grant will be awarded to each approved higher education school.

When the school issues checks to students, they must sign that they will use the funds for one or more of the expenses listed on the CARES ACT Certification and Agreement document, for "food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child-care expenses". We will also give students the opportunity to forego the payment if they have not been financially affected and wish to donate their portion back to the school fund so we can reallocate funds to other students who may have a financial hardship.

The school will allocate CARES ACT Emergency Relief funds to students equally, based on the total number of students enrolled and attending classes as of 05/18/2020 (PCPV, VP M, MP), when the school resumed in-person classes, or graduated 05-08-20 (PCPG and GP) and who wish to participate in the grant funding opportunity. We will divide the number of attending students into the emergency fund grant amount and allocate funds equally to each student. This is grant money and will not have to be repaid.

We hope to receive funds within the next few weeks. Students will receive funds by check mailed to the address provided on the certification form. To assist the school in timely processing, please complete:

[Certification Form](#)



## Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Student Grant Certification

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act provides students with emergency grant funds to help cover expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus (including eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care). The Culinary School of Fort Worth will be distributing checks to all students from the CARES HEERF fund. The amount of money (checks) distributed to all students will be spread across the student body evenly to those affected by the COVID-19.

### Certification

Have you been affected by COVID -19? Please check–mark which answer suits your situation:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes**    OR    \_\_\_\_\_ **No**

**If yes**, fill in the information below:

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (student first and last name), certify that I have been affected by COVID-19 and therefore agree to use the funds distributed to me for the following needs: *food, housing, course materials, technology, health-care and/or child care expenses* as stipulated in the CARES HEERF Policy set forth by the US Department of Education.

These funds will not be used for tuition expenses or paying off tuition balances.

The funds distributed will be distributed to all students attending The Culinary School of Fort Worth that have certified they have been affected in any of the above areas without regard to attendance status or percentage.

Please provide your mailing address for the distribution check:

\_\_\_\_\_ (Name)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Street address)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (City, State, Zip)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
School Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date