

# CARES Act 30-Day Report

Wartburg Theological Seminary (WTS), in compliance with:

- a. Section 18004(e) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, which requires each institution applying for funding from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) to submit an initial report to the Secretary of Education within 30 days;
- b. guidance for compliance with the 30-day reporting requirement provided by ED on May 6, 2020; and
- c. communications sent from ED's Program Officer on May 13, 2020;

is posting the following report in a format and location easily accessible to the public on June 15, 2020, 30 days after the date WTS received its allocation under 18004(a)(1). This report will be updated every 45 days after the initial posting.

1. On May 12, 2020, WTS signed and returned to ED the Certification and Agreement (for) Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. In doing so, WTS provided ED the assurance that WTS 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. On May 15, 2020, WTS received \$17,145 from ED pursuant to WTS's Certification and Agreement (for) Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
3. As of June 15, 2020, WTS has distributed \$17,145 of the Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1), Funding Opportunity ED-Grants-041020-003, of the CARES Act.
4. The estimated total number of WTS 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 is approximately 102.
5. As of June 15, 2020, 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 35.

6. The method(s) used by WTS 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 as follows:
  - a. In accordance with ED's direction, WTS is prioritizing the distribution of funds to eligible students demonstrating the greatest need due to COVID-19-related campus operations disruptions. Student awards are limited to \$2,700 in order to distribute the funds as widely as possible.
  - b. Students were reviewed individually: to confirm a student's eligibility per requirements set forth by ED and to establish a student's level of need. A student's level of need is determined using information available to the WTS Office of Financial Aid, including, but not limited to: HEERF definition of residential student and, if the student is eligible for Title IV Federal Student Aid. WTS then used the following criteria to determine funds received by each student: expected family contribution based on FASFA and adjusted rent and family size. Expenses must be reasonable, related to a student's cost of attendance as enumerated in the list provided by ED, due to COVID-19-related campus operations disruptions, and must not be duplicated in other requests for aid reviewed by the WTS Office of Financial Aid.
7. Guidance and FAQs concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants were provided to students on the WTS website at <https://www.wartburgseminary.edu/heerf/>. Students received email notifications about the program, see <https://www.wartburgseminary.edu/heerf/>. Any questions students have about the program may be submitted to [awillenborg@wartburgseminary.edu](mailto:awillenborg@wartburgseminary.edu).