

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund - Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

American Institute of Massage Therapy (AIMT) has signed and returned to the Department of Education (ED) the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that 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.

The total amount of funds that the institution received from ED pursuant to the AIMT's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

Totally, AIMT received \$89,422.00 and a minimum of \$44,711.00 will be disbursed directly to students.

The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

As of 12/31/2020, \$24,072.00 in funds have been disbursed to students. The application for students will remain open until 03/11/2021.

Estimated number of students at AIMT eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1968 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

Number of AIMT students as of 12/31/2020: 30

The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a) (1) of the CARES Act.

As of 12/31/2020, 27 students have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant.

Method used to determine which students were eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

All Title IV eligible students - based on completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) - were notified of the availability of AIMT's Emergency Financial Aid grant application via phone calls, text, and email. The application requires students to actively confirm that they have or will incur expenses relating to the interruption of campus operations due to COVID-19. At the end of the application period, all "yes" students were awarded an Emergency Financial Aid Grant. No students were contacted to confirm "No" response. Students who did not respond by the end of the application period will be contacted by the Financial Aid office to confirm if they did (or expect to) incur expenses relating to the interruption of campus operations due to COVID-19. After receiving confirmation from nearly all students, the accounting office will be provided a list of eligible recipients and checks will be processed/sent to students. The Financial Aid team will continue to monitor and reach out to those students who did not enter a response on the application.

Method used to determine the amount of the Emergency Financial Aid Grants to be disbursed to each student

Award amounts were determined based on student population and student need.

Instruction, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

Students were made aware that the Emergency Financial Aid Grants were authorized by the ED, under authority of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic security Act (CARES Act). Furthermore, students were made aware that funds were allocated AIMT to provide emergency grant money to students who are eligible for Financial Aid. The notification explained that the purpose of these grant funds is to help offset costs relating to the disruption of campus operations due to Coronavirus. Examples of costs include food, housing, child care, course materials and/or technology expenses.
