

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

May 26, 2020

Motoring Technical Services, Inc (MTTI) (OPEID 031152) 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 appreciates that Congress and the President have made these critical funds available for eligible students who have expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus pandemic. We take receipt of these federal funds seriously and are 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, 2020.¹ For questions or concerns regarding this Fund Report, please contact **Sharon Ring, Vice President**, at sring@mtti.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 **\$349,110.00**.
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 **\$1,137.66**.
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 **304**.
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 304.
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**.
7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the emergency financial aid grants are provided at **Attachment B**.

¹ See: <https://ifap.ed.gov/electronic-announcements/050620HigherEdEmergencyReliefFundRptg>



Attachment A

1241 Fall River Avenue
Seekonk, MA 02771

June 8, 2020

«First_Name» «Last_Name»
«Home_Address1»
«Home_City», «Home_State» 0«Home_Zip»

Dear «First_Name»:

On April 9, 2020, Education Secretary Betsy DeVos announced the U.S. Department of Education was making immediately available to all Title IV postsecondary institutions approximately \$6.2 billion for students impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and authorized in Sec. 18804(a)(1) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”).

Each qualifying school has or will receive a designated amount of funds to distribute to its’ students immediately. MTTI has received an allocation of funds to distribute to students who have a financial need due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This letter is to notify you that you are receiving a check in the amount of **\$1137.66**.

The grant you receive is to ease the financial burden you have incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is not to be used to pay for tuition and should be used to cover expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus. Examples of these expenses include, but are not limited to, food, housing, course materials, health care, technology and child care.

We hope this eases your financial burden during this difficult time and we look forward to seeing all the classes up and running again. If you have any questions regarding your check, please contact Kathy Trahan at ktarahan@mtti.edu or call 508.336.6611.

Sincerely,

Sharon Ring

Sharon Ring
Vice President

Enclosure

Attachment B

Cares Act Higher Ed Emergency Student Relief Fund

Meeting Held April 24, 2020

Committee:

Sharon Ring Vice President

Alicia Keshijian Director of Financial Aid

Kathy Trahan Financial Manager

Eddie Ring Director of Operations

Ali Thompson Director of Student Services

Preparation and Training for Guidelines to Distribute Student Payments

- Attended Webinar provided by CECU
- Attended DOE Webinar “Distributing Emergency Grant Funds”
- Reviewed NASFAA Information in Webinar April 29, 2020

Determination of Methodology

Discussion took place regarding how to allocate the funds to students in need due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The team evaluated how to determine those most in need considering the following:

- Pell Eligibility
- Part-time vs. Full-time status
- Child care costs with schools closed
- Cost of Attendance

Various methods to access need were discussed but it was decided that it would be very difficult to honestly, truly assess who had the greatest need, based upon surveys, phone calls, etc.

The team felt that COVID-19 has affected all families in RI and MA and that even though a Pell eligible student may have been more in need at the time of application, the status of all students has shifted. Many students have lost their previous source of income and have added expenses as a result of COVID-19.

As a result, the team decided the best approach would be to evenly divide the student cash payments to all Title IV eligible students.