

Cares Act HEERF Student Emergency Grant

The Cares Act/HEERF student emergency grant is aid in the form of direct payments to eligible students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus, including eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance, which may include food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care.

Ray J's College of Hair submitted its grant application for funding from the federal CARES Act on April 14, 2020. Once funding is received from the U.S. Department of Education, grants will be distributed to students based on their eligibility. We anticipate the grants will be disbursed during the week of May 12th, 2020.

Eligible students will receive the emergency grants automatically and are not required to take any additional action. Emergency grants will be automatically disbursed to students through the Financial Aid Office. Eligible students will receive a notification upon confirmation of their eligibility. No application is needed. Recipients will be notified via phone, or text.

Recipients must meet the following criteria:

- **1. Student meets all Title IV eligibility criteria (filed the 2019/20 FAFSA) and is enrolled in an eligible certificate program.**
 - **If student filed the 2019/20 FAFSA and declined aid, then they are eligible to apply for the funds.**
 - **If student has not filed a 2019/20 FAFSA you may do so online provided you are a U.S. Citizen, Permanent Resident or Eligible Non-Citizen.**
- **2. Student was actively enrolled or subsequently enrolled in a certificate program after March 13, 2020, the date of the National Emergency Declaration.**
- **3. Student must be enrolled half-time or greater, and making satisfactory progress.**
- **4. Student must be enrolled in an on-campus program and not taking all classes online**
- **5. Student's FAFSA information must be below institution specified EFC ceiling of 12,000**

Based on the criteria above, there were 26 students at Ray J's who met all 5 criteria and demonstrated the greatest financial need with an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of less than \$15,000. Therefore, full time students at Ray J's College of Hair are eligible to receive an emergency grant in the amount of \$775.00, and part-time students are eligible to receive a grant in the amount of \$580.00

- 1. Ray J's College of Hair has received an award notification that totals \$18,489 from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.**
- 2. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants funds distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of May 15, 2020 is \$18,200.**

3. 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 to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is 26.

4. Eligible students will receive HEERF funds based on the following awarding matrix:

	Full-Time Students	Part-Time Students
Enrolled in Certification Program	\$775	\$580

5. As of May 15, 2020, the total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the Federal CARES Act as of the date of submission is \$18,200 to 26 students.

6. The estimated total number of students at the College 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 Federal CARES Act is 26.

7. For more information on HEERF, please visit the Department of Education’s [CARES Act: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund](#) page.

8. If you have any questions regarding the FAFSA, HEERF Application, or the awarding matrix, please contact the Financial Aid Office at (225) 928-890 or andreacosey@rayjcollegeofhair.info

The grant should be used for academic-related expenses incurred due to COVID-19. Examples include expenses related to food, housing, course materials, technology, healthcare, and childcare.

We encourage all students to [complete the FAFSA](#) for both the current year (2019-2020) and for the upcoming year (2020-2021). Although you may not be eligible for the initial disbursements of these emergency grants now, you may be eligible for CARES/HEERF emergency grants and other funds in the future.

Students can complete the 2019-20 FAFSA through June 30, 2020. The 2019-20 FAFSA covers the spring 2020 and summer 2020 terms. Completing the FAFSA will allow students to be considered for many kinds of financial aid.

Eligibility for Financial Aid

- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Have a valid Social Security number
- Be registered for Selective Service (if male)
- Be a high school graduate or have a recognized equivalent (such as a GED)
- Not in default on a federal student loan
- Not owe money on a federal student grant
- Did not have a drug conviction while receiving federal student aid
- Be enrolled as a Ray J’s College of Hair student in an [eligible for financial aid program](#)

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Director of Operations: Raymond Cosey, (225) 928-6890,
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