

**University of Mississippi & University of Mississippi Medical Center**  
**Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund - Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students**  
***Report as of July 6, 2020***



OFFICE OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

On behalf of the University of Mississippi (UM), I acknowledge the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund agreement under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act was submitted to the U.S. Department of Education via grants.gov on April 14, 2020. UM plans to use no less than fifty (50) percent of the funds received from the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

  
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Larry Sparks  
Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund – Institutional Portion

\$ 8,321,319

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund – Student Aid

\$ 8,321,319

Emergency Financial Aid Grants Distributed to Students

University of Mississippi \$7,615,428

University of Mississippi Medical Center \$350,600

Estimated Total Number of Students Eligible to Participate

University of Mississippi 12,158

University of Mississippi Medical Center 1,216

Total Number of Students Who Have Received Emergency Financial Aid Grants

University of Mississippi 4,359

University of Mississippi Medical Center 358

## **Methodology**

### **University of Mississippi**

The University of Mississippi required students to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to verify eligibility requirements are met under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA).

To request emergency financial aid grant funding under the CARES Act, a student must submit an application for his or her expenses resulting from the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus by category of food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care.

The maximum Federal Pell grant for the 2019-20 academic year is being used as the maximum award threshold per student subject to tiered estimated family contribution levels and cost of attendance maximums by category for the applicable academic term.

### **University of Mississippi Medical Center**

The University of Mississippi Medical Center determined programs of study that had the greatest disruption due to campus closure and allocated funds to eligible students in those programs first. Students were required to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to verify eligibility requirements under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA).

An electronic application opened for all eligible students to document expenses resulting from the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus by category of food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care. The application deadline was May 20, 2020.

## **Instructions, Directions, and Guidance Provided Concerning Emergency Financial Aid Grants**

### **University of Mississippi**

The Student Emergency Funding Application is accessible by students through the myOleMiss intranet portal.

Students are able to view frequently asked questions related to the [CARES Act funds](https://coronavirus.olemiss.edu/faq/cares-act/). (<https://coronavirus.olemiss.edu/faq/cares-act/>)

A designated email account, [umcares@olemiss.edu](mailto:umcares@olemiss.edu), has been created to respond to student inquiries.

Upon submission of the Student Emergency Funding Application, students certify as to the following:

Emergency financial aid grants for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to Coronavirus are funded under sections 18004(a)(1) and 18004(c) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act. I understand that any aid that I receive may be less than the amount that I request.

I certify that all of the information submitted in support of my request for emergency aid is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I certify and understand that the University of Mississippi has the right to verify the information that I provide and may require me to submit additional information or documents to substantiate my request. I certify and understand that the expenses submitted for reimbursement under the CARES Act are additional expenses that I incurred as a result of the disruption in campus operations. I understand that if I provide false or misleading information, I could face civil or criminal penalties and will be required to repay any emergency aid issued to me under false or fraudulent pretenses.

### **University of Mississippi Medical Center**

Email sent to all eligible program students that read:

As many of you know, the US congress passed the Cares Act on March 27, 2020, which included funds for students who experienced expenses related to COVID-19 disruption of their educational programs. The University of Mississippi received \$8,321,319 for this purpose. Of this, UMMC was allocated \$349,200. The medical center received no money directly. There were several options on how these funds might be distributed for greatest relief. Three cohorts of students were identified whose programs were most disrupted, completion delayed, and expenses incurred. These were the D4's, PT3's, and accelerated BSN students in the Oxford program. Each FAFSA eligible student in these cohorts received \$2000.00 to defray these real-time, unplanned-for expenses. [All other UMMC students have the opportunity to apply](#) for reimbursement of documented COVID-19 related expenses by making a claim for a portion of the remaining funds through the Office of Student Financial Aid intranet web portal given below.

<https://workflow.umc.edu/CAREsACT/default.aspx>

My office or the Office of Student Financial Aid will be happy to address any questions.