

Word of Life Bible Institute – CARES Act Reporting

The passing of the CARES ACT allowed for the establishment of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF). This fund provides Word of Life Bible Institute the unique opportunity to provide an emergency Financial Aid Grant directly to students for their expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus. These expenses may include eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance. Food, Housing, Course material, technology, healthcare, and childcare are examples of eligible expenses.

Word of Life Bible Institute signed and returned the first Certification Agreement to the Department of Education for Section 18004(a)(1) on April 27, 2020. The Second Certification Agreement was signed and returned to the Department of Education on July 28, 2020. Those Certifications and Agreements direct all institutions to report the following information 30 days after funds are received and every 45 days thereafter.

1. Word of Life Bible Institute signed and returned both Certifications and Agreements to the Department of Education. Furthermore, Word of Life Bible Institute acknowledges and intends to use no less than 50% of the total funds received from the CARES Act Section 18004(a)(1) as Emergency Financial Aid Grants awarded directly to students in accordance with Section 18004(c) of the CARES Act.
2. Word of Life Bible Institute has been allocated a total of \$506,756 from the CARES Act Section 18004(a)(1).
3. Word of Life Bible Institute has not disbursed any funding at the time of this report. A disbursement of \$196,053.30 is scheduled for 9/3/2020.
4. Word of Life Bible Institute evaluated each student enrolled on the day campus was closed during the Spring 2020 Semester as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic. The total number of eligible students at the time of evaluation was 396.
5. At the time of this report, zero students have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. 147 students are scheduled to receive funds from the 9/3/2020 disbursement.
6. To be eligible for an Emergency Financial Aid Grant, a student must have been enrolled at the time campus was closed, have completed a 2019-2020 FAFSA, and meet the basic eligibility for Federal Financial Aid including being a US Citizen. The CARES Act does not allow for these funds to be disbursed to international or DACA students. Eligible students were able to apply for funds by completing the application at <http://wol.to/studentcaresact> until 8/20/2020. Awards will be based on need related to expenses incurred and reported as a result of the closure of campus. Eligible application respondents are eligible for disbursements ranging from \$250 to \$2,822.32. Eligible students who did not respond to the application will be eligible for an automatic disbursement of \$230.22. All disbursements are made by check payment to the student and mailed to the address indicated on the application or to their current home address in the case of students who did not respond to the application.
7. Instruction was emailed to all students' institutional email addresses informing them that the application was available. Additionally, an announcement was posted on Canvas, Word of Life Bible Institute's Learning Management System, and was visible to all enrolled students. Guidance about eligible expenses was provided on the application referenced above and is also provided here:

“Word of Life has the unique opportunity to provide an emergency Financial Aid Grant directly to students for their expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to Coronavirus. Could you please take a moment to provide an estimate of what those expenses are for your individual situation? These would be expenses such as food, housing, travel, course materials, technology, or health care directly related to the disruption of campus because of Coronavirus. To be eligible for these funds you must be eligible for TITLE IV assistance (Successfully Completed a FAFSA). Please be aware that funding is limited. We will most likely not be able to meet your entire need for expenses, but we will do our best to provide the maximum amount of funding to the maximum number of students. ... Questions can be directed to cptompkins@wol.org”