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CARES Act - Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Reporting

1st Quarter Report and Disclosure

Quarter ending March 31, 2022

Lincoln University of Missouri acknowledges it signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education the Certification and Agreement on 04/13/2020, and gives the assurance that Lincoln University of Missouri is using 50 percent of the funds received under section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

- As of March 31, 2022, the total amount of funds Lincoln University of Missouri has distributed to students from the U.S. Department of Education is \$6,495,188.60.
- For calendar year 2022 Quarter 1, the total of CARES Act Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is -\$5,670.74.
 - O In the Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 semester, if a student expressed a financial need on their application for HEERF funding, they were awarded regardless of whether they had completed the FAFSA nor were awarded federal aid. This process allowed students to continue their course work and not be deregistered for non-payment. When a student's aid was packaged and awarded, the HEERF aid was adjusted accordingly, at times resulting in a credit back to HEERF student aid funding.
- The estimated total number of students at Lincoln University of Missouri eligible to participate in programs under section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus might be eligible to receive the Emergency Student Financial Aid Grant funds under section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act for Spring 2022 is 1,287.
- For calendar year 2022 Quarter 1, the total number of Lincoln University of Missouri students who received the CARESAct Emergency Financial Aid Grant under section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act was 96.
- For calendar year 2022 Quarter 1, of the 96 students that received a CARESAct Emergency Financial Aid Grant under section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, 78 were Pell grant eligible.
- The methods used to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants are as follows:
 - Lincoln University of Missouri degree-seeking student in an undergraduate or graduate, programs;
 - Students complete an application to identify the amount of emergency funding they need for costs related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19;
- The maximum total awarded to one student was \$12,458.43. However, most awards averaged \$54.01 per student due to the reasons previously stated. To receive an award larger than the average, students demonstrated circumstances that would prevent them from returning to Lincoln University of Missouri if they did not receive the additional aid.

- The instructions, directions, and guidance regarding the Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how to apply are published on the University website at: https://www.lincolnu.edu/web/financial-aid/lu-care
- An email was sent to students that may be eligible for funding under a Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 with the instructions, directions, and guidance regarding the Emergency Financial Aid Grants and the link of how to apply that is published on the University website.
- Notifications were posted about the instructions, directions and guidance by various campus social media mediums with the link of how to apply that is published on the University website.
- Students who are approved for the Emergency Financial Aid Grants through the application process will receive a notice to their Lincoln University of Missouri student email account that includes the following:
 - Notice that they have received the Emergency Student Grant and that it is to address the costs that they indicated they have related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19:
 - o How to view their Emergency Student Grant on their student account;
 - o Timing of when and how they will receive the Emergency Student Grant;
- Students who do not meet the eligibility requirements are notified that they will not be receiving the Emergency Financial Aid Grants via their Lincoln University of Missouri student email account, and if they have any questions regarding their Emergency Student Grant or their eligibility for this funding to contact financial aid.