

THE NEW YORK CONSERVATORY FOR DRAMATIC ARTS

NYCDA CARES ACT 2020

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) is part of the federal government's Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. This allows NYCDA to distribute emergency relief grants from the U.S. Department of Education. This can be given to eligible students to help cover education-related expenses caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The CARES Act directs recipients to use the funds they receive for unexpected expenses, unmet financial need, or expenses related to the disruption of campus operations resulting from the coronavirus. These include expenses for food, housing, course materials, technology, health care or childcare. Below is a list of regulatory questions that are important to our students, administration, and the Department of Education.

1. NYCDA has signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that 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.

- Application Reviewed by Grants.gov: 04-15-2020
- Application Approval by Grants.gov: 04-17-2020

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.

- NYCDA awarded from DOE to Students: \$177,140

3. Of those funds, the total amount that has been distributed to students as of the date of reporting (i.e. the first 30-day report, and then every 45 days thereafter):

- Total Amount Distributed: \$0.00 as of 05-14-2020
- Total Amount Distributed: Pending as of 06-28-2020
- Total Amount Distributed: Pending as of 08-12-2020
- Total Amount Distributed: Pending as of 09-26-2020
- Total Amount Distributed: Pending as of 11-10-2020
- Total Amount Distributed: Pending as of 12-25-2020
- Total Amount Distributed: Pending as of 02-08-2021
- Total Amount Distributed: Pending as of 03-25-2021
- Total Amount Distributed: Pending as of 05-09-2021
- Total Amount Distributed: Pending as of 06-23-2021

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 therefore eligible to receive an emergency financial aid grant.

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- Total Estimated FAFSA's on FILE: 275 Students

5. The total number of students who have received an emergency financial aid grant:

- Total number of students processed: 0 - as of 05-14-2020
- Total number of students processed: Pending as of 06-28-2020
- Total number of students processed: Pending as of 08-12-2020
- Total number of students processed: Pending as of 09-26-2020
- Total number of students processed: Pending as of 11-10-2020
- Total number of students processed: Pending as of 12-25-2020
- Total number of students processed: Pending as of 02-08-2021
- Total number of students processed: Pending as of 03-25-2021
- Total number of students processed: Pending as of 05-09-2021
- Total number of students processed: Pending as of 06-23-2021

6. The method(s) 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.

- Pre-selected populations based on
 1. FAFSA On File
 2. EFC Matrix

EFC Range		Grade Level of Students		
		FA19 1 st Year	FA19 2 nd Year	SP20/SU20 – 1 st Year
0	2500	\$ 700	\$ 700	\$ 1,505
2501	5500	\$ 650	\$ 650	\$ 975
5501	10000	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 900
10001	15000	\$ 550	\$ 550	\$ 825
15001	and Up	\$ 425	\$ 425	\$ 638

3. 1 or 2 Semesters of studying during the Pandemic
4. Administrative Requirements:
 1. No application to request funding required
 2. Escalation process extremely limited on case by case

7. Instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

- Self-Certifying Statement
 1. Mass Email communication to students
 2. Mailing self-certifying statement with stipend
 3. From this website, students can email financialaid@nycda.edu