

CARES Act/Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund October 2, 2020

On April 9, 2020, the U.S. Department of Education announced that more than \$6 billion would be distributed to colleges and universities through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF), authorized by the Coronavirus Aid Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Each HEERF participating institution is required to make public the following information :

Certification and Agreement

Glen Oaks Community College has signed and returned the HEERF Certification and Agreement forms to the Department of Education. The College intends to use the HEERF funds to make emergency financial aid grants available to students.

Emergency Grant Fund Awards

The total amount of funds received by the college for the student portion of the CARES Act/HEER funding was \$288,341.

By August, the College had awarded \$237,883 of HEERF for a remaining balance of \$50,458 to be used in the Fall term. As of the quarterly report for September 30, 2020, 119 of 411 eligible students applied for and received emergency grants. The college awarded \$44,450 in grant funds in the month of September. Since the receipt of HEERF funds, Glen Oaks has distributed a total of \$282,333 to students, leaving \$6,008 available for fut(u)-9 3 (s)0.p5 (\$20.6 (Q4 (e)-4.8 (n)4.5 (d)-3 Tw 8.58a)-11.8iEic.9 (v)-ya)5 (n)-4

The college followed the ED guidelines to determine student eligibility for HEERF.

According to the ED, students:

- x Cannot be enrolled in a program or degree offered exclusively online.
- x Must be eligible for Title IV (federal financial aid) funds
 - o US citizenship
 - o Completion of a current FAFSA at fafsa.gov
 - o Valid social security number
 - o [Registered with the Selective Service](#) (Males over age 18)
 - o High school diploma, GED or completion of high school in an approved homeschool setting
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