



## Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) Grants to Students

- Cottey College signed and returned the Recipient's Funding Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Student, and the institution intends to use the funds to provide the mandated amount of at least 50% of the HEERF grants to students.
- Cottey received \$167,429 under the HEERF student portion.
- The estimated number of students at Cottey eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), and therefore eligible to receive an emergency grant is 207.
- The College developed an online application for students to apply. On 4/22/20, an email was sent to all eligible students instructing them to submit the application. This was sent to their Cottey email address, which students are expected to check regularly. A text message was sent to remind them to complete the application. On 4/28/20, we called students who had not yet submitted the application. If we were unable to reach them, we left messages when mailboxes allowed. On 4/30/20, we sent another text message reminder.

- The application included the following:

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act provides emergency grants for college students. Please answer the questions below and submit this form by April 30, 2020.

We recognize that you may have incurred unexpected expenses and we don't want financial concerns due to the Coronavirus to derail your education. As you think about your expenses, please consider the fact that even though you moved back home with your parents, there are added costs for things like electricity, water, food, etc.

Did you have any expenses related to the disruption of your education due to the COVID-19 outbreak for Course materials or technology expenses \_\_ Yes \_\_ No

Food expenses \_\_ Yes \_\_ No

Housing expenses \_\_ Yes \_\_ No

Health care expenses \_\_ Yes \_\_ No

Childcare expenses \_\_ Yes \_\_ NO

- Based on the amount of HEERF grants available to the College and the number of student responses on the application, the College determined the amount for which each student was eligible.
- Approximately \$32,000 of the total funding was reserved in order to allow an additional round of applications for students with extreme financial need due to COVID-19.
- On 5/7/20, an email was sent to each student who was determined eligible for a HEERF grant stating the amount they will receive once the College receives the funds. An attached application for additional funding was included to allow for students with extreme need to apply. A committee will determine eligibility for the approximately \$32,000 in reserved funds.
- As of 06/05/20, \$151,600 has been distributed to students.
- As of 06/05/20, 140 students have received an emergency financial aid grant.