Ozarka College Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) Grants to Students

On April 26, 2020, Ozarka College signed and returned the certification and agreement for the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act – Student Aid Portion to the U.S. Department of Education. This authorized Ozarka College to provide emergency financial aid grants to students who have been impacted by the Coronavirus. Ozarka College recieved \$398,538 in CARES Act Funding.

On December 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations ACT (CRRSAA) authorized the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II), which provided Ozarka College with an additional \$398,538 for emergency financial aid grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1).

On March 11, 2021 the American Rescue Plan of 2021 (ARP) was signed into law and authorized the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III). Ozarka College recieved \$1,573,328 from this funding for eligible students.

Additional funding under section 314(a)(3) of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) was recieved by Ozarka on August 30, 2021 in the amount of \$550,002. These funds were awarded for emergency aid to students under the Supplemental Assistance to Institutions of Higher Education (SAIHE) program.

On July 19, 2022 an additional award of funds was made under section 18004(a)(2) of CRRSAA under the SIP program. Ozarka recieved \$184,585 in funding from this award for aid to students on July 19, 2022.

For all categories of funding, eligible students were identified as:

- Undergraduate student enrolled in a degree seeking program during the semester in which the grant was awarded.
- Eligible for funding under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965

Eligible students were notified via the myOzarka student portal, social media and via email. They were asked to accept or decline the funding through the questionaire provided in the student portal.

Information regarding the number of students and total amounts disbursed per quarter can be found in the table below.

Total Amount of Funds Authorized under Section 18004(a)(1) Student Aid Portion - \$2,370,404											
		Disbursement		Number of Eligible Students		Number of Students that received		Total Amoun			
Quarter		Date				Grants		Disbursed			
Q2 2020		5/12/2020		654		633		\$	398,538		
Q2 2021		4/16/2021		447		447		\$	398,538		
Q3 2021		9/15/2021		574		553		\$	786,664		
Q4 2021		n/a		n/a		n/a			n/a		
Q1 2022		3/4/2022		490		490		\$	786,664		
Total	Total Amount of Funds Authorized under Section 18004(a)(2) Student Aid Portion - \$184,585										
Q3 2022		11/16/2022		374		366		\$	92,293		

Total Amount of Funds Authorized under Section 18004(a)(3) Student Aid Portion - \$550,002										
Q4 2021		12/9/2021		434		414		\$	275,001	
Q2 2022		4/5/2022		389		377		\$	275,001	

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