

## **Updated December 31, 2021**

Southwestern Adventist University entered into an agreement with the U.S. Department of Education and received \$400,581 under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. As of November 24, 2020, the University has distributed \$400,581 to 494 students of the estimated 494 eligible students. The University evaluated eligible students based on estimated housing, transportation, food, miscellaneous costs, and EFC related to the transition to distance learning in determining the allocation to each student. The University also provided students a way to request additional funds if the previous funds did not cover their expenses as reflected in the May 22, 2020 president's letter to current students.

Greetings Southwestern Adventist University Students,

For many of you, you received funds from the University on Wednesday. You may be asking why. The U.S. Department of Education made funds available for emergency cash grants for higher education students to assist with expenses related to the disruption of campus operations. Southwestern Adventist University submitted a proposal for these funds and received \$400,581. Funds have now been distributed to students based on specific guidelines. The guidelines restrict the funding to only students who are eligible to file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). F1, DACA, and students who were exclusively enrolled online are not eligible for these grants.

If you were eligible to receive these funds, you either received a direct deposit into your checking account or will receive an actual check within the next few days.

We have distributed approximately 90% of the funds to students based on a formula that includes the student's estimated family contribution (EFC). The remaining 10% of the funds will be distributed to students who have had extraordinary challenges as a result of the coronavirus.

If the funds you have received did not cover your expenses and you have had extraordinary challenges due to the coronavirus, please complete this application (application has closed) by 5 p.m on Friday, June 5. A timely and thorough review of applications will take place and the remainder of the funds will be distributed soon thereafter.

If you were not eligible to receive these emergency cash grants and have been adversely affected by the coronavirus, I encourage you to complete this same application as we are raising private donations to assist you.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact Duane Valencia, Assistant VP for Student Financial Services ([valenciad@swau.edu](mailto:valenciad@swau.edu)) or call (817) 202-6533.

For those students not graduating, our plan is to begin fall semester on time with face-to-face classes. We will closely monitor the coronavirus situation throughout the summer and will ensure we have appropriate precautionary measures in place to safeguard our students, staff, and faculty as we start school in the August. I look forward to seeing you this fall.

Congratulations to all our graduates!! We are very proud of each of you! I look forward to celebrating with you on Sunday, August 9, at 10 a.m. at your graduation ceremony.

I hope all of you have a wonderful summer.

Blessings to you and your families,

Ken Shaw, Ed.D.

President

Subsequently, the US Department of Education further awarded Southwestern Adventist University additional grants of \$400,581 and \$1,172,394 to provide emergency aid to students under the subprogram Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act,2021(CRRSAA) and American Rescue Plan of 2021 (ARP). As of June 15, 2021, the University has awarded \$416,190 to 455 students out of an estimated eligible 486 students. The distributions made to students ranged from \$300 to \$2,800 per student and students with lower Estimated Family Contributions (EFC) received higher distributions based on the criteria below.

Type	Campus	Possible amount	\$	800.00	
Unmet Need	800				
Full/Part	F				
EFC Range		Percentage			
0	1500	100%	\$	800.00	\$184,800.00
1501	5711	80%	\$	640.00	\$ 55,040.00
5712	22176	60%	\$	480.00	\$ 52,800.00
22177		0%	\$	-	\$ -
					\$292,640.00

As of December 31, 2021, an additional award of \$679,960 was made to 678 students based on the following EFC amount and individual aid requests.

EFC:	Max Award	\$
0-1500	100%	\$ 500.00
1501-5500	75%	\$ 375.00
5501-22600	50%	\$ 250.00
22601-999999	25%	\$ 125.00

Students were also informed by email that they could request additional amounts based on their housing, food, tuition and related expenses, healthcare or childcare needs if they filled out an application. A link to the application accompanied the email. A committee reviews the applications and awarded additional amounts where needed.

Additional amounts will be expended to help students with their housing, food, tuition and related expenses, healthcare or childcare needs in the 2021-2022 school year.