Higher Education Emergency Relief Funding (HEERF) – Student Allocation Report
July 2020

Tohono O’odham Community College acknowledges we have received Higher Education Emergency Relief Funding (HEERF) through the Department of Education. The CARES Act requires institutions to use no less than 50% of the funds received from the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to student for the expenses related to disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19.

- TOCC received a total of $199,279 with 50% ($99,640) going directly to students
- The total amount distributed to students, as of July 2020 is $75,500
- There were an estimated 277 students enrolled in Spring 2020 who were eligible to apply for this funding
- Out of 169 students who applied, 130 students were awarded
  - 77% of students who applied qualified
  - 23% of applicants were deemed not qualified, in accordance with the guidelines provided through the CARES Act
- TOCC’s method to determine students’ eligibility under Section 1800(a)(1) of the CARES Act:
  - Students were required to submit an online application, which included a survey regarding technology issues in order for us to assess the needs of our students
  - Awards were granted in the follow amounts for Spring 2020 semester:
    - Student taking 3-5 credits: $200
    - Student taking 6-8 credits: $400
    - Students taking 9 or more credits: $700
  - Application/Surveys were timestamped upon submission. Staff verified students’ eligibility and student received a COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund Notification, which informed them if they were eligible. If students were eligible, the Notification provided the amount of the award and verified the student’s mailing address.
  - TOCC’s Financial Aid Office processed the award. Once process, TOCC’s Finance Office cut a check for the award and mailed directly to the student
TOCC received $99,640 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants for Students

- $75,500 (76%), Amount Awarded - Spring 2020
- $24,140 (24%), Amount to be Awarded - Summer/Fall 2020

Spring 2020 Student Emergency Financial Aid Applicants: 169 Total Number of Applicants

- 39 # of Eligible Applicants
- 130 # of Ineligible Applicants