

# CARES ACT

## HIGHER EDUCATION EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND – STUDENT AID

### Overview

\$83,526 has been allocated to HDS Truck Driving Institute (“School”) for student emergency relief through the CARES Act. The School has signed and returned the Certification and Agreement form necessary to access the funds, and intends to use 100% of these funds to provide emergency financial aid grants to students, within one year of the application date.

### Process

The School is awarding funds in either a) direct grants to students during the 2020/2021 Academic Year and/or b) Emergency Relief Grants via an application process available by contacting Student Services at [StudentServices@HdsDrivers.com](mailto:StudentServices@HdsDrivers.com). All payments will be refunded directly to students and will not pay toward any balance they may currently owe in their student account.

- a. To date, a total of \$0.0 in direct grants has been disbursed to eligible students who experienced a disruption and/or hardship as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic. The students’ Expected Family Contribution (EFC) will be considered when determining eligibility and award amount (ranging from \$150 to \$600).
- b. The **Student Emergency Fund** application can be completed by any HDS Truck Driving Institute student, enrolled in the Professional Truck Driving program. Students who are not initially awarded a direct grant, or need additional funds, will be able to apply for funding. This application process allows the review team to determine if emergency relief may be awarded from the CARES funds.
- c. Given the significant changes to employment in spring 2020, it is expected that incoming students may need emergency funding in the 2020/2021 Academic Year. To ensure the emergency funds are available, a portion will be held as this emergency relief may be provided for one year from certification.

### **The Student Emergency Fund can be used to assist students with situations such as:**

Living expenses including housing costs, utilities, food, travel costs, and unexpected changes in financial circumstances. This can include costs related to the severe illness or death of a family member or medical expenses not covered by insurance including medications and delinquent bills. Books and other essential academic expenses, or replacement of essential personal belongings due to theft, fire, or natural disaster as well general safety needs. The federal CARES Act provides funding for student expenses of food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and childcare that were caused due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **What factors determine grant funding?**

Students must be enrolled in the Professional Truck Driver Program on or before March 30, 2021, demonstrate financial need and meet the otherwise applicable Title IV Eligibility Requirements.