



**GEORGIAN COURT UNIVERSITY**  
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### **CARES ACT 2020 Report #4 Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students OCTOBER 9, 2020**

#### **FINAL REPORT**

1. Georgian Court University has signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement. The University intends to use no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
2. Georgian Court University received **\$845,168** from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of October 9, 2020: **\$845,168**.
4. The estimated total number of students at Georgian Court University eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act: **1,618 students**.
5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act: **396 awards; 388 students (unduplicated)**.
6. The method(s) used by Georgian Court University to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act includes:

Georgian Court University developed an online application that students could easily access, complete, and submit to a dedicated email address. The link to the application was located on the university's website home page under the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Information link.

Each application was reviewed individually. In distributing the emergency grants, a weighted formula was utilized based on the number of eligible students, the Estimated Family Contribution as reported on the 2019-2020 FAFSA, dependency status, and whether the student supports children.

7. Georgian Court University distributed the following instructions, directions, and guidance to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants:

The Office of Financial Aid established an online application form and contacted all students through email on May 7, 2020 and through GCU's Poweraid system on May 7, 2020 to notify them of emergency cash grants available from the U.S. Department of Education for students whose lives and education have been disrupted by the COVID-19 outbreak.

The Office of Financial Aid sent the below email to all students on May 7, 2020:

Dear GCU Community,

The United States Department of Education announced that emergency cash grants for college students whose lives and education have been disrupted by the COVID-19 outbreak are being made available through colleges and universities.

#### **About the CARES Act**

Funding is provided through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) authorized by the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES) signed into law on March 27, 2020. The intent of Congress was for colleges to provide assistance to students to help cover expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19.

#### **Accessing Funds**

Please complete the online application and submit online. Applications will be reviewed in the order of submission. You will be notified by e-mail of your funding status request. If you have not filed a **2019-2020 FAFSA**, we ask that you do so by going to [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov).

The application to apply for CARES Act funds is available here: [georgian.edu/application-for-higher-education-emergency-relief-fund/](https://georgian.edu/application-for-higher-education-emergency-relief-fund/)

At the present time, international students, DACA students, and students enrolled in an exclusively online degree program are not eligible for funds from the CARES Act. If you fall into this category and are in need of assistance, please complete the form on the [GCU Cares webpage](#).

We will be reviewing applications and determining eligibility and amounts on an ongoing basis. Checks will be mailed to the address on file with the Office of Student Accounts. Questions should be e-mailed to [esa@georgian.edu](mailto:esa@georgian.edu).

*If you should know of any GCU students who may not have access to the internet and need assistance, please reach out to them and share this information.*

Best wishes and good health to you and your loved ones.

*\*In accordance with the guidance provided by the U.S. Department of Education, this report was posted on the Georgian Court University website, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Information page, on October 9, 2020. Updated to reflect 388 unduplicated students; 1,618 eligible students.*