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Cairn University

Department of Education – CARES Act – Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) Section 18004 Reporting Disclosure

As provided for by the U. S. Department of Education (DOE) as a provision of the CARES Act, Cairn University (Cairn) has received funds and is distributing those funds directly to students to assist them with emergency financial relief related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus.

The DOE has required institutions to use 50 percent of the total funds received from Section 18004 provisions to go directly to students to provide emergency relief as described above.

Cairn signed the Certification and Agreement for the first 50% of these funds provided for under Section 18004(a)(1) on April 14, 2020. \$381,761 was allocated to Cairn from the DOE on May 11, 2020. Cairn signed a second Certification and Agreement on April 24, 2020. \$381,791 was allocated to Cairn on May 14, 2020.

During the week of May 25, 2020, Cairn mailed checks totaling \$289,228 directly to 616 eligible students with notification to each student that a grant was being distributed. These students were full-time undergraduates during the spring 2020 semester who had filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2019-2020 academic year. Eligible students that did not complete the FAFSA for 2019-2020 are still able to do so ([FAFSA](#)) until June 30, 2020 to be considered for these funds.

The amount of the initial student grants distributed, from a minimum of \$178 to a maximum of \$670, is based on financial need calculated from FAFSA data. Students with financial need (Annual Cost of Education greater than the EFC (Estimated Family Contribution) as calculated from FAFSA) received a grant between \$342 and \$670. Students with no financial need (EFC greater than the Annual Cost of Education) received the minimum grant of \$178. Eligible individuals may also [apply](#) for additional grant funds if they did not receive an initial CARES Act Student Grant or if related expenses were excess of the initial CARES Act Student Grant amount received.

The estimated total number of students at the institution 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 is 754 students.

Information concerning this program and Cairn's distribution can be found via the following link to Cairn's website: cairn.edu/covid19. The DOE CARES Act website is here www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/caresact. You may contact the Cairn Financial Aid Office at finaid@cairn.edu with specific questions about CARES Act Student Grants.