THE SALON CARES Act: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Final Report 10.2020

- The Salon Professional Academy signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement as well as the assurance that it has used, or 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.
- The total amount of funds that The Academy has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students is \$20,600.
- The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of the date of submission is \$20,600.
- 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 66.
- The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to Students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is 65.
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 - Eligible students who were not on campus were sent an application through Docusign and received information outlining what the HEERF Emergency Grant funds were for, who was eligible to apply, and how to apply.
 - The Application listed the purpose of the HEERF Emergency Grant, eligibility guidelines. expenses that qualified, application procedure, deadline to apply, and anticipated distribution date. Students indicated on the application if they had incurred any of the qualified expenses due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus.
 - Once the Application deadline had passed, the Financial Aid Office confirmed eligibility and noted the number of applicants who both were eligible and had incurred qualified expenses due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus. The Financial Aid office evaluated the applications and awarded funds based on each student's eligibility, identified needs and the availability of funding. Provided that the students were eligible to receive funds and identified legitimate needs, grants were approved for 65 eligible applicants. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants (\$20,600) was distributed to students equally for a grant award of \$316.93.
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 - Meet <u>Satisfactory Academic Progress</u> requirements.
 - o Not be in default on a federal student loan or owe an overpayment on any federal grant.
 - o Have a high school diploma or GED.
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