

## **Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) Allocation**

Viterbo University has signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement form required to receive HEERF funds. The University has used, or intends to use, no less than 50% of the funds received to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

Viterbo will receive \$639,954 of HEERF funds for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

As of August 14, 2020, \$603,500 of the \$639,954 of Emergency Financial Aid Grants has been distributed to students.

There are 1,519 students at Viterbo University eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, and therefore eligible to be considered for an Emergency Financial Aid Grant.

As of August 14, 2020, 333 students have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant.

Method used by Viterbo University to determine which students may receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants, and the amount they may receive:

Viterbo University has identified undergraduate and graduate students (excluding on-line students) who were enrolled at least half-time in a degree or certificate program on March 16, 2020, who have a 2019-2020 FAFSA on file in the Viterbo University financial aid office and are eligible for Title IV aid, as students who may receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants. *Students who are in default on a Title IV student loan, or who are not making satisfactory academic progress (SAP) for financial aid purposes, will not receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants.*

Viterbo University has emailed these students, and requested completion of a short application to ensure that any applicants meet eligibility requirements for an Emergency Financial Aid Grant. The application must be completed, signed, and submitted directly through the University's Financial Aid webpage. Applications have been reviewed by the Director of Financial Aid, along with the student's financial aid file, to prioritize applicants into "need" categories. Priority for Emergency Financial Aid Grants has been given to students with the greatest financial need. Each student who receives an Emergency Financial Aid Grant has received notification via email of the award amount, disbursement method, and expected timing of the disbursement; students who did not receive funding were also notified via email.

Grant amounts vary, depending upon the number of applicants and identified needs for Emergency Financial Aid Grants. Viterbo may broaden the pool of students who may apply for an Emergency Financial Aid Grant.