

American Rescue Plan Act

As required by guidance issued by the U.S. Department of Education on May 13, 2021, Berks Career and Technology Center (“BCTC”) provides this initial report describing the use of funds distributed from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) to the School.

Student Emergency Relief Funds

1. Berks Career and Technology Center has returned the signed Certification and Agreement for the Education Emergency Relief Funds under Section 18004(a)(1) of the American Rescue Plan Act. Berks Career and Technology Center will use no less than 50% of the maximum allocation it receives under Section 18004(a)(1) of the American Rescue Plan Act for Education Emergency Relief Grants to eligible students attending programs approved for Federal Financial Aid.
2. BCTC has received \$67,266 from the Department of Education to use for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
3. BCTC has been reviewing evolving federal guidance and is working to developing an infrastructure to deliver Emergency Financial Aid Grants to eligible students. As of September 10, 2021, BCTC has distributed \$7,296 of Emergency Financial Aid Grants, to < 10 students, under section 18004(a)(1) of the ARP Act.
4. BCTC estimates that 57 students, as of September 10, 2021, are eligible to participate in programs under section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act and are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants. It is estimated, BCTC will distribute the remaining \$59,997 to 48 additional students by October 31, 2021.
5. The methods BCTC used to determine which students will receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they will receive under section 18004(a)(1) of the Cares Act are as follows:

Student Eligibility

To receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants, students must be:

1. In an active category of attendance or in a traditional leave of absence as of March 13, 2019
2. Enrolled in an eligible Title IV program.

Grant Amount – Methodology

To calculate the grant amount:

1. Students with a Zero EFC on the 2019-2020 or 2020-2021 ISIR will receive an additional \$1000 for a full year of attendance. Proration will occur based on schedule. Part time students will receive \$500.00 based on schedule and clock hours.
2. Students with a non-zero EFC but received Pell grants will receive an additional \$500 for a full year based on schedule and clock hours. Part time non-zero EFC

students will receive an additional \$250 for a full year based on their schedule and clock hours.

3. After the above is calculated, the remaining funds will be divided among the eligible students based on the student's number of clock hours effected by their ability to attend due to mandatory school closings caused by the coronavirus and transition to online training when the schools were closed to students.
4. The maximum a student will receive is \$2,775.00
5. The minimum a student will receive is \$206.00