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- (1) Navajo Technical University (NTU) acknowledges that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used the applicable amount of funds designated under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
- (2) The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.

CRRSSA = \$4,231,609

ARP = \$0

(3) The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the initial report and every calendar quarter thereafter).

CRRSSA = \$244,687 ARP = \$0

- (4) The estimated total number of students at the institution that are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs. 891
- (5) The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs. 470 students
- (6) The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.

The criteria to identify students were as follows:

A. All Pell eligible students at NTU were eligible to receive up to \$350 for part time students and \$625 for full-time students. NTU will issue these relief checks to students to assist in resources need to help them complete the semester, such as food, housing, technology, course materials, child care and health care or other expenses related to the disruption of on-campus instruction during the spring 2020 semester. Student who were not Pell eligible did not receive a distribution from the ARP (A)(1) or (a)(4) programs.

(7) Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.
Notification was issued to student in October 2020 regarding the relief funds, the eligibility and distribution process. The Provost, Dean of Students, Director of Finance and Communications worked collaboratively to send notification to students. Throughout the year, social media has been used to reach students and to keep them updated with funding opportunities. Funds were distributed in October and November 2020.

Below is an excerpt from the various communications shared with the NTU student community.

"Letter dated: October 19, 2020

Dear PELL-eligible Student,

NTU will begin distributing FA2020 CARES Act student assistance to only PELL-eligible students. The eligibility for the CAREs funding has been established by the federal government. NTU has identified PELL-eligible students and the cut-off date for completing the two-step process is October 30, 2020. This is the cut-off date in order to allow the university to prepare for a November distribution to eligible students.

CAREs student aid is a limited financial resource to help students with expenses such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care.

Disbursement of aid will be distributed to students who:

- a) are regularly attending class,
- b) have maintained contact with instructors, and,
- c) have been submitting homework and assignments to complete the semester.

Today, October 19th, marks the 10th week of instruction with 4 weeks remaining to the end of the semester. Unfortunately, PELL-eligible students who have not been attending or participating in classes will not be considered for CAREs student aid.

In order to prepare for the November distribution, PELL-eligible students are asked to complete the following:

- 1. Contact NTU's Enrollment Office to verify your student records are current with updated information. Contact the individual responsible for your alpha group, by last name:
 - Thelma Johnson at t.johnson@navajotech.edu 505-387-7380 (A to I)
 - Renee Damon at rdamon@navajotech.edu 505-387-7475 (J to R)
 - Geri Slim at gslim@navajotech.edu 505-387-7377 (S to Z)

Verify your NTU email address by emailing your academic advisor to request verification of ongoing communication with a faculty member regarding your courses. The academic advisor will verify that you have been in contact with the advisor. By now, you should have an NTU email address. If not, you are asked to email its@navajotech.edu to set up your NTU email account. NOTE: Notification of the student aid will be made to your NTU email address.

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You will receive your CARES Student Aid funds as soon as the two-step process has been verified. Our target date to distribute checks is the first week in November to coincide with the "COVID-19 Awareness Week". Your check will be mailed to your updated mailing address on file with the university.

For more information about the distribution of the NTU relief checks, contact Dean Jerlynn Henry at jhenry@navajotech.edu or Menell Large at mlarge@navajotech.edu or Cheryl Thompson at cthompson@navajotech.edu.

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