



Financial Aid Office

Universidad Ana G. Méndez, Gurabo Campus

**Notice to Students and General Public on the Use of Higher Education
Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)- Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the
Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act)
PR/AWARD NUMBER P425E200721**

In compliance with the United States Department of Education's requirements to disclose to students and the general public the uses of funds under the CARES Act for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students provided to the Universidad Ana G. Méndez University (UAGM), Gurabo Campus, we hereby inform the following:

1. On April 9, 2020, **Chancellor David Méndez Méndez of UAGM, Gurabo Campus**, signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) a Certification and Agreement (***Recipient's Funding Certification and Agreement Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act***) stating that the institution would use no less than 50% of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students from the campus and locations in Puerto Rico and the United States to cover expenses related to the disruption to the university's operations caused by the Coronavirus (including eligible costs of attendance, as defined by the USDE for food, room and board, materials, technology, medical expenses and childcare).
2. UAGM, Gurabo Campus received **\$10,537,147** from the USDE pursuant to the institutions Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
3. As of May 21, 2020, UAGM, Gurabo Campus, has distributed **\$10,330,000** under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
4. UAGM, Gurabo Campus, has **14,206 students 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.
5. UAGM, Gurabo Campus, distributed Emergency Financial Aid Grants to **13,330 students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act**.
6. UAGM, Gurabo Campus, distributed HEERF funds as the USDE instructed: to all students enrolled during the second semester in 2019-20 that are eligible to federal financial aid Title IV funds (ex.

Pell, FSEOG, TEACH, Federal Direct Loans and Federal College Work Study Program) and in fact were recipients of those funds. Also, to enrolled students during said period that although they did not receive federal financial aid, were deemed eligible, as defined by the USDE, based on a 2019-20 FAFSA with no comments because they comply with all requisites, among them, citizenship, social security, Selective Service (if male student), High School diploma and others, including complying with the Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy, are not in default in their loan payments, among others.

As stated in the letter to the institutions of higher education by the Secretary of the USDE, Mrs. Betsy De Vos, UAGM, Gurabo Campus, distributed the funds to the largest number of students enrolled during the second semester with priority to those with greater need based on the Effective Family Contribution (EFC) reflected in their 2019-20 FAFSA as follows:

- \$850 to students with greater need as defined by the Title IV federal regulations, or those with EFC of 0
- \$550 to students with an EFC greater than 0

The remaining funds after distribution to enrolled eligible students will be distributed on a case by case basis, after the Financial Aid Director evaluates and approves the requests for additional funds from students that have already received funds, but can demonstrate greater need, or to other students that are deemed to be qualified to receive CARES Act funds, as defined.

7. UAGM, Gurabo, students were duly informed about these funds and how they would be distributed in **two letters**; the first on **April 16, 2020** and the second on **April 29, 2020**. Every student that receives HEERF funds received an Award Letter before the payment. Communications were sent to the student's institutional email address. Students were advised to call or email their Financial Aid Office if they had questions concerning this matter.

If you have questions concerning HEERF funds under the CARES Act distributed in UAGM, Gurabo Campus, please email to the following addresses, according to your place of study:

- Puerto Rico: utasistecon@uagm.edu
- Metro Orlando: finaid-moc@uagm.edu
- South Florida: finaid-sfc@uagm.edu
- Tampa Bay: finaid-tbc@uagm.edu
- Dallas: finaid-dac@uagm.edu
- Capital Area: finaid-cac@uagm.edu

This information is published in compliance with requirements from the United States Department of Education for higher education institutions that received funds under Section 18004 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). The institution is required to inform the general public how it distributed the Emergency Relief Funds to Students. Section 18004c requires the institution distribute no less than 50% of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) to students for Emergency Financial Aid Grants for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus (including eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care).