

**Focus Personal Training Institute 45-day
Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Report –
Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students**

July 8th, 2020

Focus Personal Training Institute (OPE ID: 042502) received education stabilization funds under Section 18004(a)(1) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”), Public Law No: 116-136. This Fund Report applies to the student portion received under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund that is designated exclusively for emergency financial aid grants to students.

The institution appreciates that Congress and the President have made these critical funds available for eligible students who have expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus pandemic. We take receipt of these federal funds seriously and are distributing them in accordance with the CARES Act and implementing guidance.

The institution is making the below information available for transparency purposes and in compliance with the U.S. Department of Education’s (“Department”) Electronic Announcement of May 6, 2020.¹ For questions or concerns regarding this Fund Report, please contact Melissa Kirsch, Director of Financial Aid, at mkirsch@fpti.edu.

1. The institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students. The institution 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.
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 is \$38,717.
3. 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 this Fund Report is \$22,835.
4. 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 under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, as of the date of this Fund Report is 58.
5. The total number of students who have received an emergency financial aid grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of the date of this Fund Report is 46.
6. Focus Personal Training Institute will continue to award emergency aid to the newly enrolled students in the July 6th, 2020 programs.
7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the emergency financial aid grants are provided at **Attachment A**.
8. The methods used by the institution to determine which students receive emergency financial aid grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act are provided at **Attachment B**.

¹ See: <https://ifap.ed.gov/electronic-announcements/050620HigherEdEmergencyReliefFundRptg>

Attachment A

Focus Personal Training Institute emailed all active students on May 9th, 2020 with an overview of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students that included a link to a survey to complete. The survey included instructions and guidance that any funds awarded may only be used for eligible expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic, included expenses such as academic resources, technology, or living expenses. Students who did not respond to the initial email were then contacted again using various methods, including email, text, and phone.

Students who began class in the summer programs (July 6th, 2020) were contacted via email with an overview of the funding. Eligible students will receive a set amount of funding for academic supplies that are needed for the program due to remote learning. As an institution that teaches students to become personal fitness trainers, academic supplies mainly consist of fitness equipment needed to learn the approved curriculum. Eligible students who may have other approved expenses will be considered on a case by case basis.

Attachment B

Focus Personal Training Institute has updated its methodology to determine which students are eligible to receive emergency financial aid grants due to changes in guidance regarding the students eligible for funding. Should guidance change again, the institution will adapt its methodology as seen fit to ensure the most students receive financial assistance.

Eligible students, as of the date of this update, include students in the full-time Personal Training Master Course (600 hours), as this is the only Title IV-eligible program at the institution. Students must have a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on file prior to receiving any funding through the HEERF.

The institution calculated the cost of each piece of equipment needed for the Personal Training Master Course to successfully learn the approved curriculum. Eligible students will receive funding in this amount, estimated to be \$281.

Students needing assistance with technology or other resources for the program are approved on a case by case basis.