

**Focus Personal Training Institute Quarters 1-3 2020
Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Report –
Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students**

September 30th, 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 and the revision of the electronic announcement on August 31, 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 \$26,795.
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 12².

¹ See: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/08/31/2020-19041/notice-of-public-posting-requirement-of-grant-information-for-higher-education-emergency-relief-fund>

² The September 30th, 2020 reporting date fell in between new cohorts for the full-time 22-week Personal Training Master Course and part-time 11-week Personal Training Foundations program. As such, the estimated number of eligible students is much lower for this quarterly report than that of the previous reports.

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 50.

6. Focus Personal Training Institute is a small institution, which allows for faculty and staff to know each student on a personal basis. As such, throughout the enrollment process, students provide information about their technological resources they will be utilizing throughout their time as students. All students also meet with the Director of Financial Aid to discuss their financial plans for their tuition, and any financial concerns they may have. Throughout this process, students are informed of the availability of Emergency Financial Grants and complete a brief survey to request funding for various expenses related to COVID-19 and the temporary shift to remote learning. The survey provides categories for eligible expenses and pre-determined amounts through \$500. Students requesting more than this amount are asked to submit additional details related to their request. Again, being a small institution, the relationships with students is paramount and open communication is encouraged throughout their time at the school.

7. Students are provided with guidance that the funding is temporary, short-term assistance to help with unanticipated financial need related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19. By completing the survey for funding, students sign and acknowledge they must meet eligibility requirements and that the funding should be used for these purposes.