# **CARES Act**

Western Seminary acknowledges that the institution signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement form. Western Seminary intends to 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.

## Reporting Information

\$100,084	336	\$50,050	55
total funds received from the Department of Education pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students	estimated total # of 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	total funds distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of July 16, 2020	total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of July 16, 2020
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### Distribution of Funds

Western Seminary plans to use the following methods to determine which students will receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act:

#### **Eligibility**

- 1. Students must be eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965
- 2. Students must not be enrolled in an Online degree program
- 3. Students must certify that they incurred expenses related to the disruption of campus operations as a result of the coronavirus.

#### **Amount**

Students received between \$350 and \$1575, based on enrollment level (full-time, half-time, less-than-half-time) and financial need, as determined by the FAFSA.

### Receiving Funds

On June 18, 2020, Western Seminary provided instructions, directions, or guidance <u>via email</u> to students who were potentially eligible for financial assistance concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants. These students were instructed to submit the <u>CARES Act Eligibility Form</u> no later than Wednesday, June 24, to be considered for aid.

The form is now closed. Form submissions have been processed and each student has received notification as to their eligibility or ineligibility for an award. Eligible students received additional information about the purpose of the funds, how and when they would be disbursed, a reminder to update their address to ensure the award check would reach them, and a list of other resources should they need additional financial assistance.