SUNY recognizes that Campuses and Colleges generally have less than six (6) months to disburse the remaining CARES Act HEERF Student Aid Portion to students. We recognize all of the efforts and appreciate the hard work our Campuses and Colleges have done to assist SUNY students by making these funds available to them. We also appreciate that despite these efforts, it has been challenging to get students to respond and accept the funds.

Given that the CARES Act HEERF Student Aid funding was meant to be distributed to students as quickly as possible, and recognizing the challenges to do so, we are allowing Campuses and Colleges to provide payments directly to students without asking them to either complete an application or certification. Campuses and colleges that choose to utilize this method must include language in the communication describing the allowable uses of the funds. Example language includes:

“In response to the coronavirus, funds have been made available through the CARES Act to award emergency grants to Title IV eligible students for expenses related to the disruption due to the coronavirus. Eligible expenses include food, housing, health care, childcare, transportation, technology and other course material. The Campus had deemed you eligible to receive a CARES Act award of $XXX. This is not a loan and will not need to be paid back. These funds are for the following allowable expenses of food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, childcare, and/or transportation as a result of the coronavirus.”

If you choose not to use this methodology for distributing your remaining CARES Act HEERF Student Aid funds and you have over 30% remaining to be distributed, you must reach out to the Amy Montalbano and Erika Terwilliger to discuss your Plan.

All campuses and colleges must have a plan in place to distribute all funds by November 24, 2020.

Thank you again for all your tireless efforts during these challenging times. If you have any questions please contact Amy Montalbano or Erika Terwilliger.

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- The Campus has deemed you eligible to receive a CARES Act award of $1,200.
- This amount will be refunded to your BankMobile preference irrespective of any outstanding account balance with the college. If you have one of the electronic means of refunding with BankMobile (direct deposit into a checking account or VIBE Account), we anticipate these funds will be in your account by the end of the week.

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