



**Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund
Certification of Need and Acknowledgment of Use of Grants**

On April 9, 2020, Education Secretary Betsy DeVos announced the U.S. Department of Education was making immediately available to postsecondary institutions more than \$6.2 billion in emergency grants for students impacted by Coronavirus and authorized in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”) The approximately \$6.2 billion accounts for the portion of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (Sec. 18004) that **must** be used to provide emergency financial aid grants directly to students. This first allocation of Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund must be used exclusively for student emergency financial aid grants. Only students who are or could be eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), may receive emergency financial aid grants. The school is making every reasonable effort to distribute this grant money to eligible students as quickly as possible.

L'esprit Academy's cohort of eligible students consists of all students who earned any hours of training via temporary distance education from April 16, 2020 - July 15, 2020. These dates encompass the COVID-19 period as defined both by the school closure as well as the effective date of the US Department of Education announcement of the availability of emergency grants. Each student will be eligible for only one grant unless additional funding becomes available. Grant amounts allocated to each student are determined based on the school's total "Minimum Allocation of Grant Monies to be Awarded for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students" divided by the eligible cohort of total students.

Estimated Grant Amount = \$ 420.18 per Eligible Student

_____ **Student Need Certification** - By initialing here, I certify to have financial needs related to the disruption of campus operations due to Coronavirus such as food, housing, course material, technology, health care and childcare that are equal to or greater than the estimated grant amount.

_____ **Use of Grant Certification** - By initialing here, I certify to only use grant proceeds for eligible expenses such as food, housing, course material, technology, health care, and childcare.

Should an otherwise eligible student fail to certify need, these funds will not be granted (or must be returned to School by the student if previously granted) to be reallocated among additional students who were affected by temporary distance education and did not receive grant monies under the initial disbursements. The School will not, at the request of the student, redirect their funds to a particular student in need. Successful completion of this form does not guarantee approval of grant monies unless all other eligibility requirements are also met.

By signing below, I certify that all information and acknowledgments provided are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also acknowledge that the "Estimated Grant Amount" is not guaranteed, is subject to change based on final calculation of eligible students, and that all other grant eligibility requirements must be satisfied for monies to be awarded.

STUDENT NAME _____

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____