

Trinity College – U.S. Department of Education CARES ACT Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund

Mandatory 30-day Report for receipt of funds under Section 18004(a)(1)

**Mandatory 45-day Report update - the spending remains unchanged from the 30-day report**

Notice to the Community: On April 28, 2020, Trinity College, received an award of \$688,222, an amount calculated by, and distributed through, the Department of Education under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, for the purpose of providing Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. In order to qualify for these funds, the College submitted to the Department of Education the required Certification and Agreement, providing its assurance that it would use these funds for student grants. The College had an estimated 1048 students at the institution eligible to participate in the programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, and the thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. As of May 28, 2020, 1048 students in the total qualifying group of 1048 students have been paid out the \$656.70. Information was distributed to students and parents alike, detailing the student grants. A general letter was sent to all students informing them that the College was in receipt of CARES ACT funding, restating the purpose for that funding, and providing information about the students who would receive an emergency grant under the College's dissemination plan. On May 14, 2020, the College also sent a more specific letter to the 1,048 students who would be receiving the funding. That letter read:

*Dear Student,*

*As noted in my email to all students, 1048 Trinity College students who meet the federal government's eligibility criteria will receive funds through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The CARES Act enables institutions of higher education to provide emergency grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the pandemic (including food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care).*

*You are one of the students who will receive a check for \$656.70. We are hopeful that these funds will help you and your family during these most difficult and unsettling times. This emergency grant will NOT affect future financial aid awards from Trinity, and we have been informed that the money will NOT be taxed by the IRS.*

*To facilitate this process, please make sure we have your current mailing address in our system. Please log on to your Trinity account (TCONLINE) and under "Home address" be sure it has the correct address for you. The college will send a check to this location. We ask that you complete this by May 22. We will then begin processing checks, with the hope of sending checks to you the final week of May.*

*Sincerely,*

*Dan Hitchell*

*Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer*