



Finish Line Grant

2019-2020

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Finish Line Committee

- Megan Dallianis – Director New Student Programs and Canning Women’s Program
- Barb Levin – Compliance and Project Strategist
- Laura McGee – Director of Student Financial Assistance
- Michael Shaw – Director of One Stop
- Sue Skora - Registrar/Interim Sr. Director of Enrollment Services
- Rebecca Suthers – Student Communications Manager
- Beth Younglove - Manager of Student Accounting/ERP Coordinator

Criteria

- Any Harper student nearing completion of their program can apply for the Finish Line Grant. Nearing completion means a student is at least 75% of the way through their program.
- Funding to be used for tuition, financial hardship or family emergencies.
- The Finish Line Grant awards up to \$1000.
- Documentation to support the request is required.

Communication Plan

- Posters and table tents
- Reaching out to faculty, department chairs, coordinators, deans and all student facing staff
- Web page created
- Inside Harper
- Digital signage
- Targeted emails to students and follow-up calls

Applications Reviewed

Committee Reviewed 290 Applications:

➤ APPROVED AND PAID	172
➤ APPROVED AND DEFERRED TO FALL	9
➤ DENIED	109

AWARDED \$159,279.95

Reasons for Approval

- ✓ 35% Unemployed
- ✓ 14% Double Tuition
- ✓ 9% Medical Expenses
- ✓ 9% Reduced work hours

Note: 23% of applications mentioned COVID-19 in addition to reason

Reasons for Denial

- ✓ 38% No hardship to document
- ✓ 28% Not close to completion
- ✓ 11% Duplicate application- not new hardship
- ✓ 23% Misc (requested for transferring, classes not needed in program)

Demographics

Primary Race-Ethnicity	Count	%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	1	0.6%
Asian	19	11.0%
Black or African American	14	8.1%
Hispanic or Latino	72	41.9%
White	58	33.7%
Multi-Racial	5	2.9%
International	2	1.2%
Not reported	1	0.6%
Grand Total	172	

Age	Count	%
19 or Younger	4	2.3%
20 - 24	73	42.4%
25 - 29	48	27.9%
30 - 39	25	14.5%
40 - 49	16	9.3%
50 or Older	6	3.5%
Grand Total	172	

Demographics

1st Gen	Count	%
No	50	29.1%
Yes	119	69.2%
Unknown	3	1.7%
Grand Total	172	

Gender	Count	%
Female	128	74.4%
Male	44	25.6%
Grand Total	172	

Military Connected	Count	%
No	169	98.3%
Yes	3	1.7%
Grand Total	172	

Credentials Earned Spring 2020

SPRING

- 52 students were scheduled to graduate spring 2020
- 41 earned credential
- 2 petitioned for summer 2020 graduation
- 1 will graduate fall 2020
- 4 need one more course
- 4 need 3-5 classes to graduate

Credentials Earned Summer 2020

SUMMER

- 68 students originally scheduled to graduate summer 2020
- 5 graduated early (spring 2020)
- 28 earned a credential summer 2020
- 26 scheduled to earn credential fall 2020
- 9 scheduled to earn credential spring 2021

Student Testimonial

- “I am honored and excited to be one of the recipients of the Finish Line Grant and I am appreciative of your support. The financial assistance you provided will be of great help to me in paying for my expenses as I complete my Diagnostic Cardiac Sonography degree at my clinical internship. Thank you again for your support. I promise you I will work very hard and eventually give something back to others as a sonographer.”
- “Thank you so much! I really appreciate it! This is will help me greatly, especially with these circumstances! To the team, please take care and stay safe always!”
- Student guest Speaker – Erick Robert Fukuda “ER”

Questions?