

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) HEERF- CARES Act FAQs – STUDENT Frequently Asked Questions

Am I eligible for the Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CARES Act?

Current degree-seeking students enrolled at least half time during the Spring term who are eligible to apply for federal Title IV financial aid are eligible to apply for emergency assistance.

Funding is limited and, therefore, prioritized for students who have completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), exhausted all their funding options, and been impacted by COVID-19 in the following ways: student and/or spouse loss or reduction of employment (i.e., layoff/furlough or job loss), parental loss or reduction of employment (i.e., layoff/furlough or job loss), or other unexpected circumstances.

Who is NOT eligible for the Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CARES Act?

Students enrolled in fully online programs, international, and undocumented students are not eligible.

How can I apply for the Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CARES Act?

Eligible students may apply beginning May 5, 2020 through August 9, 2020, or until all funds are exhausted. Instructions to apply has been e-mailed to each student.

What the types of expenses qualify for emergency assistance funding?

Eligible expenses for CARES Act funding include, but are not necessarily limited to, medical, food, housing, utilities, technology expenses, relocation costs to return home, unexpected childcare, course materials, and other unexpected expenses included in the student's cost of attendance.

How much will I get?

Award amounts will be determined based on the number of students who qualify.

Can I still receive emergency assistance if I graduated during this Spring (March-July) term?

If you were active student as of March 17, 2020 you are eligible however you must to apply to be considered for funding.

How will I receive funding if my request is approved?

We anticipate a volume of applications and will work to process submissions as quickly as possible. Our goal is to provide funding decisions within 7-10 business days. Checks will be cut with and you will be notified via e-mail for pick up at the campus during business hours.