

COVID-19 - CRRSAA OF 2021

HEERF GRANT FUNDING FAQs

WHAT IS THE CRRSAA OF 2021 AND WHAT ARE HEERF II GRANT FUNDS?

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA) was passed by Congress and signed into law December 27, 2020. As part of the CRRSAA, emergency funds were set aside in different programs. One such program is the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF II) which provides higher education institutions funds to, among other things, distribute HEERF II grant funds to their eligible students whose lives have been disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic. More specifically, the U.S. Department of Education (ED) has stated that HEERF II grant funds must be used by students to assist with any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care.

HOW MUCH HEERF II FUNDING DID MY SCHOOL RECEIVE?

ED formulated HEERF II fund allocations based on a historical number of Federal Pell Grant eligible students enrolled and the overall enrollment based on a weighted scale. ED has asked schools to award HEERF II grants to as many students as possible in a manner that provides the most funding to the neediest students.

To view the HEERF II Grant funding allocation amounts for your campus, including the methodology used to calculate student eligibility and amounts, please go to the **Consumer Information Website** under your specific campus location and click on the link labeled: **CRRSAA FUND ALLOCATION COMMUNICATION AND SUMMARY**.

- Fortis
- All-State Career
- St. Paul's School of Nursing
- Denver College of Nursing

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR A HEERF II GRANT?

There are several factors for eligibility:

1. Students must be in one of the following categories of attendance at the time of the census: Active *category*, Leave of Absence, or Standard Period of Non-enrollment (SPN.)
2. Students must be enrolled in a Title IV eligible program. *Unlike the CARES Act, CRRSAA allows students who are enrolled in a fully online program to receive HEERF II grants.*

DO I HAVE TO PAY THE HEERF II GRANT BACK?

No. The HEERF II funds are a GRANT and do not have to be paid back.

ARE THE HEERF II GRANT FUNDS CONSIDERED INCOME FOR MY TAXES?

The IRS has confirmed HEERF II funds awarded under CRRSAA are not included in your gross income.

You may be able to claim the American Opportunity Credit or the Lifetime Learning Credit if you meet the requirements for the credit you are claiming. Please visit the IRS Higher Education Emergency Grants Frequently Asked Question page for more details and updated guidance. <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/higher-education-emergency-grants-frequently-asked-questions>

IF I CURRENTLY OWE A BALANCE TO THE SCHOOL, WILL I STILL RECEIVE A HEERF II GRANT?

Yes, if you meet the eligibility requirements listed above. The HEERF II grant funds are separate from any obligation you may owe the school; however, you may use the funds to pay tuition and fees on your student account.

IS THERE AN APPLICATION PROCESS?

No. The school is distributing funds to all eligible students; therefore, a separate application is not needed.

Students will be asked to attest that funds will be used to assist with any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care.

HOW WILL I RECEIVE MY HEERF II GRANT?

Once the final HEERF II Grant fund amounts are determined, students will be issued payment via Wisely® Pay Card and/or Wisely® Check. The campus will update the progress of HEERF II awards and the Wisely® process at <https://edaff.com/crrsa-information.php>. The school will also email you directly, as needed.

WILL ACCEPTING THE HEERF II GRANT MAKE ME LOSE MY FEDERAL PELL GRANT OR DIRECT LOANS?

No. HEERF II grant funding is not included in your Title IV FSA Award Package. It will not impact your ability to receive any of your Title IV funds, including the Federal Pell Grant, Federal Direct Loans, or Federal Work Study employment.

HOW CAN I USE THE MONEY?

ED has stated that HEERF II grant funds are intended to assist with any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care. When you receive your Wisely® packet, activating your Wisely® Pay Card or Wisely® Check would mean that you are accepting the funds and can attest that you incurred such expenses and will spend the funds in that manner. If you cannot attest to incurring such expenses or using the funds in that manner, you will be directed to contact us to cancel the HEERF II funds. If you cancel the HEERF II funds, they will be made available to other students in need.

HOW WILL I KNOW IF I AM A RECIPIENT OF THE HEERF II GRANT AND WHEN WILL THE HEERF II GRANT FUNDS BE DISTRIBUTED?

For the 2021 HEERF II campaign, see below for expected timelines for notification and payment.

Campus	HEERF II Grant Notification Emailed	Wisely Pay Packets Initiated	Campus	HEERF II Grant Notification Emailed	Wisely Pay Packets Initiated
All-State Career - Baltimore	7/26/21	7/26/21	Fortis College - Norfolk	7/26/21	7/26/21
All-State Career – Essington	7/26/21	7/26/21	Fortis College - Orange Park	7/26/21	7/26/21
All-State Career - Pittsburgh	7/26/21	7/26/21	Fortis College - Richmond	7/26/21	7/26/21
Denver College of Nursing	7/26/21	7/26/21	Fortis College - Salt Lake City	7/26/21	7/26/21
Fortis College - Baton Rouge	7/26/21	7/26/21	Fortis College - Smyrna	7/26/21	7/26/21
Fortis College - Centerville	7/26/21	7/26/21	Fortis Institute - Birmingham	7/26/21	7/26/21
Fortis College - Cincinnati	7/26/21	7/26/21	Fortis Institute - Cookeville	7/26/21	7/26/21
Fortis College - Columbia	7/26/21	7/26/21	Fortis Institute - Forty Fort	6/7/21	6/7/21
Fortis College - Columbus	7/26/21	7/26/21	Fortis Institute - Houston North	7/26/21	7/26/21
Fortis College - Cutler Bay	7/26/21	7/26/21	Fortis Institute - Lawrenceville	7/26/21	7/26/21
Fortis College - Cuyahoga Falls	7/26/21	7/26/21	Fortis Institute - Nashville	7/26/21	7/26/21
Fortis College - Dothan	7/26/21	7/26/21	Fortis Institute - Pensacola	7/26/21	7/26/21
Fortis College - Foley	7/26/21	7/26/21	Fortis Institute - Scranton	7/26/21	7/26/21
Fortis College - Houston South	7/26/21	7/26/21	Fortis Institute - Towson	7/26/21	7/26/21
Fortis College - Indianapolis	7/26/21	7/26/21	Fortis Institute - Wayne	7/26/21	7/26/21
Fortis College - Landover	7/26/21	7/26/21	St. Paul's SON - Queens	7/26/21	7/26/21
Fortis College - Mobile	7/26/21	7/26/21	St. Paul's SON - Staten Island	7/26/21	7/26/21
Fortis College - Montgomery	7/26/21	7/26/21			

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Wisely® Card at <https://info.mywisely.com/pay/>

WHO DO I CONTACT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

New information will be added to <https://www.edaff.com/crrsa-information.php> and this page, as needed. If you have other unanswered questions, please contact us at HEERFinfo@edaff.com or call/text our HEERF II hotline at 410-299-3341.