

As of June 30, 2021, 100% of the HEERF-II Funds that have been distributed to students

Under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF-II), as authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES Act), Cal State LA was awarded \$61,905,561. The funding was required to be used for reimbursement of institutional expenses incurred as a result of COVID-19 as well as emergency financial aid grants to students. In addition, Cal State LA received \$4,037,818 from the Minority Serving Institution (MSI) - Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund.

Of the \$61,905,561 provided by the HEERF-II, \$18,957,083, was mandated for emergency financial aid grants to students. Cal State LA President William A. Covino signed and returned a certification and agreement form to the U.S. Department of Education that the institution has used the applicable amount of funds designated under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

During this reporting period, Cal State LA disbursed the \$18,957,083.00 to 22,732 students enrolled in spring 2021 semester and summer 2021 session.

All enrolled degree-seeking Cal State LA students who submitted a FAFSA for the school year 2020-2021 were considered for HEERF-II emergency aid funding. Guidance from the U.S. Department of Education indicates that students with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), undocumented, or international student status are not eligible for HEERF-II emergency aid funding.

A funding model was developed to distribute the emergency aid to students expeditiously. The emergency aid was disbursed automatically to eligible students through a block grant method. Those students who set up a direct deposit account received their funds via direct deposit. Students without a direct deposit set-up received a check via U.S. mail to the address on file with the University.

The following factors were included in determining the amount of HEERF-II aid students receive:

- The Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from the 2020-2021 FAFSA on file at the time of distribution (used to determine the financial need component),
- Spring 2021 semester enrollment, **and**
- Enrollment status (i.e., academic load: full-time, three-quarter time, and half-time). Most students, regardless of need, will receive a baseline amount of assistance. The award amount was pro-rated for students who are not enrolled full time.

HEERF II emergency aid amounts:

- **Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of \$0 to \$2,500**
 - Full-time enrolled students received \$1,000
 - 3/4 enrolled students received \$900
 - Half-time enrolled students received \$800
- **Expected Family Contribution of \$2,501 to \$9,999**
 - Full-time enrolled students received \$750
 - 3/4 enrolled students received \$700
 - Half-time enrolled students received \$650
- **Expected Family Contribution of more than \$9,999**
 - Full-time enrolled students received \$600
 - 3/4 enrolled students received \$525
 - Half-time enrolled students received \$500

With the most recent guidance from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, which published on May 11, 2021, the final rule defines student eligibility for the grants as "***any individual who is or was enrolled at an eligible institution on or after March 13, 2020, the date of declaration of the national emergency due to the coronavirus.***" Therefore, it is no longer required that students be (or could be) Title IV-eligible, as they were for HEERF-I funded grants issued through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

The final guidance also indicates that U.S. citizens and permanent residents, refugees, asylum seekers, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients, other Dreamers, and similar undocumented students are also eligible for student grants from all three HEERF programs. This also means that schools can award HEERF-I, HEERF-II, and HEERF-III to students who are not enrolled in Title IV-eligible programs. This includes **non-degree, noncredit, and continuing education students, students who are eligible.**

The final distribution of the HEERF-II emergency relief aid to eligible students through an automatic block grant method occurred in summer 2021 (June 2021). To comply with the ARP final guidance, Cal State LA disbursed the remaining balance of the HEERF-II funds to registered students. The minimum award amount was \$70, and the maximum was \$96.52.

The campus has created the [Cal State LA CARES Program webpage](#) to provide information to students concerning the emergency financial aid grants. The university has also sent emails to students with information about the emergency grants.

The information reported above is current at the time of publication.