

Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF) Grant

What is a HEERF II Grant?

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) signed into law on December 27, 2020, gave the U.S. Department of Education funds to distribute to institutions of higher education through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF II).

The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF II) \$3,210,027. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under: \$3,210,027. The estimated total number of students who qualified and received HEERF II funds: 3,458.

Who qualifies to receive a HEERF II Grant?

Louisiana Community & Technical Colleges have chosen the following eligibility guidelines in determining recipients:

- Students with active enrollment for Spring 2021 as of February 18, 2021
- Students who filed a FAFSA and who were considered eligible for the Federal Pell Grant based on the estimated family contribution,
- Students who are considered an eligible citizen or non-citizen verified through FAFSA completion, and Students who are considered degree seeking.

The following students are excluded from receiving a HEERF Grant

- Prisoners
- High School/Dual Enrolled
- Adult Basic Education Students
- Non-credit, Non-degree seeking
- Visiting and non-matriculating students
- Cross-enrolled students whose "home institution" is a non-LCTCS College.

In the rare instance where a student is enrolled in two (2) or more LCTCS colleges, the college where the student is taking the most hours during the Spring 2021 semester will award the funds. Such students should not receive more than one (1) payment for the Spring 2021 semester.

When will I receive HEERF II Funds?

Funds were awarded the week of Monday, March 8th and refunds delivered to students

via Bank Mobile during the same week

How much will I receive?

Amounts may vary by institution based on eligibility criteria listed above. Eligible BRCC students received \$928.29.

How can I use the funds?

Students awarded a HEERF II Grant may use this award to pay for school or any component of the cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to COVID-19, such as tuition, food, housing, healthcare (including mental health care), or childcare. It is important to note that this emergency financial aid grant does not have to be repaid. Students may also use the funds towards any unpaid balance at the college.

I know someone that goes to another college who received a different amount. Why is that?

Every college received a different amount of funds from the United States Department of Education. Because each college had a different amount of money and a different number of eligible students, grant amounts will vary by college.

How do students pay an existing balance using HEERF II Grants?

To agree to have HEERF II Grant funds pay towards any balance owed students must complete the following steps within 2 days of receiving the notification:

1. Log into LoLA
2. Click on the Home tab (or menu option if on a mobile device)
3. Navigate to the “Self Service Banner” section of the page
4. Click on the “Personal Information” link under the appropriate college
5. Click on the Action Items link
6. Based on device type:
 - a. If using a desktop and laptop computer:
 - i. On the left side of the screen locate the text “HEERF Grant Action Items” click on the down arrow to the right of the text
 - ii. Click on the “HEERF Grant Receipt Option – Spring 2021” section that appears below
 - iii. On the right side of the screen read the information and select the desired option

- iv. Click Save
- v. Complete any other pending Action Item
- vi. Click on the Home tab to return to the main LoLA page
- b. If using a mobile device
 - i. Click on the “Return to the list” menu at the bottom of the screen
 - ii. Scroll down and click on the down arrow to the right of the text “HEERF Grant Action Items”
 - iii. Click on “Return to the list” again
 - iv. Scroll down and click Spring 2021 HEERF text
 - v. Read the information that appears, select the desire option, and click Save (optional) Click Return to the list option to complete any other pending Action Items.
 - vi. Click on the main menu icon (upper right corner) and click the Home link to return to the main LoLA screen