

COVID Relief Payments, HEERF II

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) is authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Public Law 116-260, signed into law by President Donald J. Trump on Dec. 27, 2020. In total, the CRRSAA authorizes \$81.88 billion in support for education, in addition to the \$30.75 billion former Secretary DeVos expeditiously provided last spring through the Coronavirus Aid, Recovery, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136.

Based on the approved funding, Southeast must provide direct student grants totaling at least \$3,415,107, which is equal to the amount required by the original HEERF.

Awarding Methodology

Southeast will award a significant amount of HEERF II student grants in a block grant manner, factoring in student need, enrollment intensity (credit hours), and additional criteria for equitable and consistent awards.

To be eligible, students must:

1. Be enrolled for the spring 2021 semester;
2. Have successfully completed their 2020-2021 FAFSA;
3. Meet any additional citizenship/eligibility requirements as outlined by CRRSAA; and
4. Fall within the criteria outlined in the applicable table below.

Undergrad Criteria	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4
EFC	0-5,711	5,712-9,999	10,000-14,999	15,000+
<i>or</i>				
COA Need*	\$16,001+	\$10,001-16,000	\$5,001-9,999	\$0-5,000

**COA Need shall be determined as the total COA, less the sum of gift aid and federal student loan eligibility.*

Graduate Criteria	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4
EFC	0-5,711	5,712-9,999	10,000-14,999	15,000+

Note: Students not making Satisfactory academic progress will only be evaluated on EFC and will automatically be assigned Tier 3 based on any EFC lower than 15,000 or Tier 4 if EFC 15,000 or higher. Students who are in verification at the time of awarding will be assigned based on their preliminary EFC at that time.

Funding Levels

Students will receive funding for their tier, prorated based on their enrollment intensity. Students will receive the following amount for each credit hour of enrollment, on 2/25/21:

Student Level	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4
Undergraduate	\$50.00 per hour	\$40.00 per hour	\$30.00 per hour	\$25.00 per hour
Graduate	\$70.00 per hour	\$60.00 per hour	\$50.00 per hour	\$45.00 per hour

Limited funding may be reserved for additional use as emergency or block grants, with modified criteria, to be used within the maximum timeframe permitted by CRRSAA.