



HEERF III Report
July 29, 2021

Background

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) was authorized by the American Rescue Plan (ARP), Public Law 117-2, signed into law on March 11, 2021, providing \$39.6 billion in support to institutions of higher education to serve students and ensure learning continues during the COVID-19 pandemic. ARP funds are in addition to funds authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Public Law 116-260 and the Coronavirus Aid, Recovery, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136. Emergency funds available to institutions and their students under all emergency funds total \$76.2 billion.

Communication

The following communications were sent to students regarding CARES Act disbursement containing instructions and a link to a form where the student would indicate exceptional financial need:

- June 17, 2021 - An email notice was sent out to all eligible and noneligible students. The deadline for the eligible student to apply was July 19, 2021.
- June 21, 2021- A mailed notice was sent to eligible and non-eligible students with the deadline to complete the application by July 19, 2021.
- June 24, 2021 - A second email notice was sent out to all eligible students who had not already applied with a deadline July 19, 2021 to complete the application.
- July 1, 2021 - A third email notice was sent to remaining, unapplied eligible students with a deadline of July 19, 2021 to complete the application.
- July 8, 2021 – A fourth email notice was sent to remaining, unapplied eligible students with a deadline of July 19, 2021 to complete the application.
- July 12, 2021 - A notice was sent via text message to eligible students who had not already applied with a deadline to complete the application by July 19, 2021.
- July 15, 2021- A final email notification was sent to remaining, unapplied eligible students with a deadline of July 19, 2021 date to apply.

Disbursement

On July 22, 2021 HEERF III funds of \$936,950.00 were distributed as emergency cash grants to NSU students with exceptional financial need based on the following eligibility guidelines:

- All students actively enrolled as of June 8, 2021, in at least three credit hours (based on billing hours)
- Students taking class(es) in audit mode only who do pay tuition
- Students who are not taking courses concurrently while still in high school
- United States citizens and documented permanent residents



To determine greatest need, eligible students were divided into four groups based on Expected Family Contribution (EFC) cut-off for Pell eligibility for undergraduate students from their 2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA):

Part-time - EFC Greater than \$5711 Part-time - Less than or Equal to \$5711 Full-time - EFC Greater than \$5711
Full-time - Less than or Equal to \$5711.

A total of 2,745 students were eligible to receive a disbursement. Of that total, 2,119 indicated exceptional need for funds and would agree to use the funds as intended, 1,831 students authorized funds to pay towards their NSU accounts receivable balance.

Students grouped in the Full-time - Less than or Equal to \$5711 were determined to have the greatest need and received the disbursement as detailed below. Any eligible students without a 2020-2021 FAFSA EFC amount, were included in the EFC Greater than \$5711 group.

HEERF III grant disbursement amounts by group:

- C3FP FT Pell Eligible \$700
- C3FN Full-time Non-Pell Eligible \$350
- C3PP PT PELL Eligible \$350
- C3PN PT Non-Pell \$175

Eligible full-time undergraduate students (12 credit hours or more) and graduate/professional students (9 credit hours or more). Eligible part-time students enrolled in three or more credit hours. Enrollment status is determined by the number of direct billing hours for which a student is responsible for paying tuition; includes those in which the student is actively enrolled as well as those from which the student has withdrawn after the final refund date for the course.

Exhibit A - Disbursement Totals and Amounts

Date Disbursed
7/22/2021

Eligible Group	Amount	Number of Students	Total Disbursed
FT EFC<\$5,711	\$700.00	775	\$542,500.00
PT EFC<\$5,711	\$350.00	668	\$233,800.00
FT EFC>\$5,711	\$350.00	242	\$84,700.00
PT EFC>\$5,711	\$175.00	434	\$75,950.00
		2,219	\$936,950.00