

HEERF III
March 31, 2022

The Federal Emergency Grants for Spring 2022

Northeastern State University (NSU) has signed & returned a Certification & Agreement with the Department of Education to accept allocated funds from the American Rescue Plan (ARP), Public Law 117-2. The ARP established and funded the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) to provide emergency financial aid grants. These critical funds help eligible NSU students cover expenses related to unanticipated travel, additional technology requirements, or other needs related to an emergency situation.

Federal Emergency Aid Grant Reporting

As of March 31, 2022, NSU received \$14,796,979 for students to fund the Federal Emergency Financial Aid Grants. The total number of students eligible to be considered to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants in quarter 1 2022 was 5988 for the March 3, 2022 disbursement. As of March 31, 2022, \$14,796,979 in HEERF funds has been disbursed to 9,200 unduplicated students.

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:

- January 27, 2022 - An email notice was sent out to all eligible and noneligible students. The deadline for the eligible student to apply was February 28, 2022.
- January 28, 2022 – A HEERF disbursement notification was sent via NSU phone app to all eligible students.
- February 2, 2022 – A letter notice was sent to all eligible students with a deadline February 28, 2022 to complete the application.
- February 3, 2022 - A second email notice was sent out to all eligible students who had not already applied with a deadline February 28, 2022 to complete the application.
- February 10, 2022 - An email notice was sent to remaining, unapplied eligible students with a deadline February 28, 2022 to complete the application.
- February 17, 2022- A final email notification was sent to remaining, unapplied eligible students with a deadline of February 28, 2022 date to apply.
- February 24, 2022- A final email notification was sent to remaining, unapplied eligible students with a deadline of February 28, 2022 date to apply.
- February 28, 2022 - A notice was sent via text message to eligible students who had not already applied with a deadline to complete the application by February 28, 2022.

Disbursement

On March 3, 2022 HEERF III funds of \$5,085,499 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 January 24, 2022, 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



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 2021-2022 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA):

- Part-time - EFC Greater than \$5845
- Part-time - Less than or Equal to \$5845
- Full-time - EFC Greater than \$5845
- Full-time - Less than or Equal to \$5845.

A total of 5,988 students were eligible to receive a disbursement. Of that total, 4,907 indicated exceptional need for funds and would agree to use the funds as intended, 4,023 students authorized funds to pay towards their NSU accounts receivable balance.

Students grouped in the Full-time - Less than or Equal to \$5845 were determined to have the greatest need and received the disbursement as detailed below. Any eligible students without a 2021-2022 FAFSA EFC amount, were included in the EFC Greater than \$5845 group.

HEERF III grant disbursement amounts by group:

- C3FP Full-time Pell Eligible \$1,488
- C3FN Full-time Non-Pell Eligible \$915
- C3PP PT PELL Eligible \$785
- C3PN PT Non-Pell Eligible \$447

Eligible Group	Amount	Number of Students	Total Disbursed
FT EFC < \$5,845	\$1,488	1884	\$ 2,803,392
FT EFC > \$5,845	\$915	1539	\$ 1,408,185
PT EFC < \$5,845	\$785	623	\$ 489,055
PT EFC > \$5,845	\$447	861	\$ 384,867
		4,907	\$ 5,085,499

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.