

HEERF III  
September 30, 2021

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### **The Federal Emergency Grants for Fall 2021**

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 September 30, 2021, 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 3 was 2,745 for the July 22, 2021 disbursement. As of September 30, 2021, \$6,613,924 in HEER funds has been disbursed to 6,759 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:

- 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  
 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**

<u>Eligible Group</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number of Students</u>	<u>Total Disbursed</u>
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