



HEERF III

December 31, 2021

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 December 31, 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 4 was 6,757 for the October 14, 2021 disbursement. As of December 31, 2021, \$9,711,624 in HEER funds has been disbursed to 8,372 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:

- September 16, 2021 - An email notice was sent out to all eligible and noneligible students. The deadline for the eligible student to apply was October 11, 2021.
- September 20, 2021 – A HEERF disbursement notification was sent via NSU phone app to all eligible students.
- September 21, 2021 – A letter notice was sent to all eligible students with a deadline October 11, 2021 to complete the application.
- September 23, 2021 - A second email notice was sent out to all eligible students who had not already applied with a deadline October 11, 2021 to complete the application.
- October 7, 2021 - A notice was sent via text message to eligible students who had not already applied with a deadline to complete the application by October 11, 2021.
- September 30, 2021 - An email notice was sent to remaining, unapplied eligible students with a deadline October 11, 2021 to complete the application.
- October 7, 2021- A final email notification was sent to remaining, unapplied eligible students with a deadline of October 11, 2021 date to apply.

Disbursement

On October 14, 2021 HEERF II funds of \$3,097,700 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 September 3, 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 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 6,757 students were eligible to receive a disbursement. Of that total, 4,986 indicated exceptional need for funds and would agree to use the funds as intended, 4,197 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 \$900
- C3FN Full-time Non-Pell Eligible 540
- C3PP PT PELL Eligible \$450
- C3PN PT Non-Pell Eligible \$265

Eligible Group	Amount	Number of Students	Total Disbursed
FT EFC < \$5,845	\$900	1939	\$1,745,100
FT EFC > \$5,845	\$540	1611	\$ 869,940
PT EFC < \$5,845	\$450	552	\$ 248,400
PT EFC > \$5,845	\$265	884	\$ 234,260
		4,986	\$3,097,700

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.