



## First Disbursement | *May 2020 & August 2020*

- x Approximately 18,276 students were eligible to receive an emergency financial aid grant.
- x Approximately 18,238 students have received an emergency financial aid grant.
- x Total amount distributed to students was \$9,294,650.
  - o In May 2020, \$9,295,600 was distributed to 18,251 students from CARES [HEERF I] Funding.
  - o In August 2020, \$12,350 was distributed to an additional 25 students from HEERF I Student Funding.
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- x All eligible students were awarded CARES Act (HEERF I) funding. Award amounts ranged from \$150 - \$1,000 depending on enrollment status and financial need.

Eligible students are defined as:

- x Enrolled in an eligible program at least half time
- x A U.S. Citizen or eligible noncitizen
- x With a Valid 2019-2020 FAFSA on file
- x Maintaining satisfactory academic progress
- x Not in default or owe an overpayment on a Title IV grant or loan
- x Having documents on file verifying the student's identity, a statement of educational purpose, selective service registration, birth certificate and social security number

The language of the law specifically prohibits the following types of students from receiving the emergency grants:

- x International and undocumented students
- x Dual enrollment students
- x Students enrolled through LSU Online

The following email was sent to student recipients once funding was awarded:

## Second Disbursement | *April 2021 - June 2021*

- x LSU estimates that approximately 30,000 students were eligible to apply for an emergency financial aid grant.
- x Approximately 10,709 students received an emergency financial aid grant.
- x Total amount distributed to students was \$9,508,681.62.
  - o In April 2021, \$4,023,373.59 was distributed to 3,766 students.
    - CARES Act [HEERF I]: \$133,169.24 to 257 students
    - CRSSAA [HEERF II]: \$3,890,204.35 to

HEERF II Student Emergency Funds

## HEERF II Grants FAQs

### 1. What is the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) II?

The 2021 Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) was passed December 27, 2020 and provides funding for students in higher education. These grants are similar to the CARES grants made during the spring/summer of 2020 (also referred to as HEERF I).

### 2. What is the difference between HEERF II grants and HEERF I (CARES) grants?

CARES/HEERF I funding was specific to students' expenses resulting from the disruption of campus operations due to the COVID-19 emergency.

Expenses applicable for HEERF II funding are defined as:

- x Any component of the student's cost of attendance (COA), or
- x Emergency costs that arise due to Coronavirus, such as but not limited to tuition, food, housing, healthcare, mental healthcare, or childcare.
- x Satisfaction of student's account balance if student provides consent.

Also, the CRRSAA requires institutions to prioritize students with exceptional need.

CARES grants were limited to students eligible to participate in Title IV federal student financial aid programs, whereas HEERF II grants do not require Title IV eligibility.

### 3. How do I request a HEERF II grant?

Applicants for the HEERF II grants must complete an online application form.

## [CRRSA APPLICATION](#)

Students who meet eligibility requirements will receive a notification with a link to the application form.

Applicants must identify the type and amount of expenses that are relevant to this funding source in the application.

### 4. Which students are eligible to receive the HEERF II grants?

Currently, only International, undocumented, and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) students are not eligible for HEERF II grants. If the US Department of Education issues additional guidance editing this criteria, eligible students will be notified via email.

### 5. What is the priority deadline to file the application?

April 5, 2021 was the priority deadline but the application is still open and funding is still available.

### 6. How will I know if I've been approved for a HEERF II grant?

Grants can be credited to your student account or paid to you through the normal student refund process. You must make this selection when you complete the application form.

8. What expenses qualify?

Students' cost of attendance and/or emergency costs arising from the coronavirus pandemic are eligible expenses.

9. How much funding can I receive?

The total pool of funds to be awarded is \$9,441,144. The individual grant amounts will depend on several factors:

- x How many students apply
- x Exceptional need status
- x The amount of actual expenses indicated on the application form.

10. Do I have to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to receive HEERF II funds?

No, a FAFSA is not required.

11. If I have changes to make to my application after I already submitted it, how do I make those changes?

Please contact the Financial Aid & Scholarships office at [financialaid@lsu.edu](mailto:financialaid@lsu.edu) if you feel changes are needed to your application. Changes are not guaranteed.

12. Can I appeal the decision outcome?

All grant amounts are final.

13. My family had a loss of income, what c129 0.1c129]TJ d Tm [(needed t)-6.6 (o)10.5 1n[( )7 ( )]TJ EMC /P <

We encourage all students to enroll in direct deposit as it is the most secure and efficient way to receive

## Third Disbursement | *August 2021 - March 2022*

- x For the debt relief initiative, 4,594 students were identified as having past due debt to the University.
- x Approximately 3,589 students received an emergency financial aid grant.
- x Total amount distributed to students was \$6,825,186.82.
  - o In August 2021, \$



\_\_\_\_ No Funding will either be direct deposited into your bank account on file, or a check will be mailed to your local mailing address if no bank account is indicated.

#### Debt Relief Verbiage to Students in Spring 2022

The U.S. Department of Education through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III provided funding to support students during the COVID-19 pandemic. LSU utilized a portion of this funding for debt relief this past summer. Students with a past due balance as of July 18, 2021 qualified for this debt relief. We have made several attempts to reach you for distribution of this funding. In order to release funding to your billing statement your permission is needed. Please click on the link below to indicate your selection regarding the method of distribution.

[https://lsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_0xf6lq7vZveLYkm](https://lsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0xf6lq7vZveLYkm)

Please respond no later than Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you have any questions or concerns, please email [covidrelief@lsu.edu](mailto:covidrelief@lsu.edu).

## Fourth Disbursement | *February 2022*

- x LSU estimates that approximately 33,307 students were eligible to receive an emergency financial aid grant.
- x Approximately 33,307 students received an emergency financial aid grant.
- x Total amount distributed to students was \$18,372,400.
  - o In February 2022, \$18,372,400 was distributed to 33,307 students from ARP [HEERF III] funds.

### Methodology of students and award amounts

- x This round of block grants was distributed to degree seeking students enrolled in the Fall 2021 semester.
- x Award amounts ranged between \$200 - \$1,100. Award amount given was based on a student's EFC (Estimated Family Contribution). If no EFC or no FASFA on file, the student received the base block grant in the amount of \$200.
- x Average award amount was \$551.

### Communication

Text campaign to gain permission to apply to Bill

#### To identified students with EFC 0-5846

LSU is distributing the remaining HEERF III (covid relief) funding. Based on your financial need status as determined by the FAFSA, you have been awarded \$1,100. To apply this funding to your LSU bill, please reply Y. If you do not wish to have this funding applied to your bill reply N and a refund (direct deposit or check) will be sent.

#### To identified students with EFC 5847-12499

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## Email campaign sent to notify students of HEERF III grant amounts

### HEERF – Direct to Students not Bill EFC 0 -5846

We understand this last year has been challenging dealing with COVID-19 and the disruption to campus, so we're happy to be given this opportunity to provide you additional financial support. You have been awarded an LSU HEERF grant in the amount of \$1,100. Funding will either be direct deposited into your bank account on file, or a check will be mailed to your local mailing address if no bank account is indicated. Please allow 7-10 business days for funding to be mailed or direct-deposited. For questions regarding your direct deposit or check, please contact the Bursar's Office at [bursar@lsu.edu](mailto:bursar@lsu.edu). For questions or more information, please contact [covidrelief@lsu.edu](mailto:covidrelief@lsu.edu).

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HEERF –

Text in the link above:

Do you authorize LSU to apply your HEERF grant funding to your billing statement?

Yes Based on this selection, funding will be applied towards your billing statement. If a credit balance occurs, excess funds will be direct deposited into your bank account on file, or a check will be mailed to your local mailing address if no bank account is indicated.

No Funding will either be direct deposited into your bank account on file, or a check will be mailed to your local mailing address if no bank account is indicated.