
HIGHER EDUCATION EMERGENCY RELIEF FUNDS (HEERF)

Description

The CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund, Institution of Higher Education/Student Aid program, provides funding to institutions of higher education to provide emergency financial aid grants to students whose lives have been disrupted by the Coronavirus/COVID-19, many of whom are facing financial challenges and struggling to make ends meet. The acronym CARES Act stands for Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act. Students cannot apply for assistance directly from the U.S. Department of Education. Institutions like McDowell Tech are responsible for determining how grants will be distributed to students, how the amount of each student grant is calculated, and developing instructions or directions for students interested in applying for the grant.

McDowell Technical Community College has signed and returned a certification and agreement form to receive an allocation of these funds. We will use the CARES Act HEERF funds to provide the mandated amount of \$263,988 in emergency financial aid grants to students.

The Department of Education made these funds available to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus. In these unusual and unprecedented times, we recognize that students may face unexpected challenges in reaching their educational goals and require short-term financial support to achieve success. Emergency grants are intended to help students meet urgent, basic needs such as food, housing, course materials, technology, healthcare and childcare as the result of the coronavirus.

Eligibility Requirements For a Student To Receive a CARES Act HEERF Grant

Student must:

- Have incurred expenses for new arrangements that had to be made due to the closure of college facilities—such as expenses for food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and/or childcare.
- Have completed a 2019-2020 FAFSA, if attending college during the 2019-2020 academic year; or a 2020-2021 FAFSA if attending college during the 2020-2021 academic year.
- Be currently enrolled in an eligible degree, certificate or diploma program
- Be maintaining satisfactory academic progress (SAP)

- Not be enrolled exclusively in certain CERTIFICATE programs as of March 13, 2020 (A list of these programs is available from our Financial Aid Director.)
- Complete a HEERF Grant application
- Submit an application by Friday, May 15, 2020

Grant Funds Can Be Used For The Following Types Of Needs

This fund intends to provide emergency grants to help students meet urgent, basic needs such as:

- Food
- Housing
- Course materials
- Technology
- Healthcare
- Childcare

Please note these funds can not be used to satisfy an outstanding account balance.

Awarded Amounts

Eligible students award amount can range from \$253 to a maximum of \$1,200. Please see below for the awarding methodology.

| EFC (Estimated Family Contribution) | Full Time | 3/4 Time | 1/2 Time | Less Than 1/2 time |
|--|-----------|----------|----------|-----------------------|
| 0-700 | 1,200 | 900 | 700 | |
| 701-5576 | 850 | 650 | 500 | 560 |
| 5577-8500 | 750 | 560 | 440 | 400 |
| 8501+ | 475 | 380 | 300 | 350 |
| | | | | 253 |

Reporting for student amount HEERF I

May 2020: Funding in the amount of \$263,988 was allocated to MTCC under Coronavirus Aid, Recovery, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136, which will be referred to as HEERF I.

HEERF I Funds Distributed

- **June 30, 2020:** Quarterly Report – \$259,554.00
- **September 30, 2021:** Quarterly Report – \$0
- **December 31, 2021:** Quarterly Report – \$0

- **March 31, 2021:** Quarterly Report – \$0
- **June 30, 2021:** Quarterly Report – \$4,434.00

HEERF I Eligible Participants

- **June 30, 2020:** Quarterly Report – 334
- **September 30, 2021:** Quarterly Report – 0
- **December 31, 2021:** Quarterly Report – 0
- **March 31, 2021:** Quarterly Report – 0
- **June 30, 2021:** Quarterly Report – 15

HEERF I Students Receiving Funds

- **June 30, 2020:** Quarterly Report – 334
- **September 30, 2021:** Quarterly Report – 0
- **December 31, 2021:** Quarterly Report – 0
- **March 31, 2021:** Quarterly Report – 0
- **June 30, 2021:** Quarterly Report – 15