



Student Emergency Grants

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)

COVID-19 Relief: HEERF Student Funds

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Total Funding	\$14 billion	\$23 billion	\$40 billion
Required Student Spending	50 percent of an institution's allotment must go to emergency financial aid grants to students	Requires institutions to spend the same dollar amount on student grants as they were required to spend under the CARES Act	At least 50 percent of an institution's total allotment must go to student grants
Requirement to prioritize student need	Not required by law, but ED guidance encouraged institutions to prioritize students with the greatest need	Yes	Yes

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Student emergency aid allowable uses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funds must go directly to students in the form of emergency aid grants for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID Can be used for eligible COA expenses such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and childcare 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can be used for any component of student's cost of attendance Emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as: tuition; food; housing; health care (including mental health); childcare 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can be used for any component of student's cost of attendance Emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as: tuition; food; housing; health care (including mental health); childcare

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Student eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No student eligibility requirements in the law, but ED guidance was that students must meet Title IV eligibility requirements in order to receive HEERF emergency grants DACA students, undocumented students and international students prohibited by ED guidance Non-degree seeking, non-credit, dual enrollment, and continuing education students eligible per ED guidance Online students who were enrolled exclusively in online programs on March 13th are not eligible per the law 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No student eligibility requirements in the law Non-degree seeking, non-credit, dual enrollment, and continuing education students eligible per ED guidance Students exclusively enrolled in distance education may receive these funds ED has not issued written guidance to clarify whether or not undocumented, DACA, or international students may receive these funds (Department of Justice is reviewing) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No student eligibility requirements in the law Non-degree seeking, non-credit, dual enrollment, and continuing education students eligible per ED guidance Students exclusively enrolled in distance education may receive these funds ED has not issued written guidance to clarify whether or not undocumented, DACA, or international students may receive these funds (Department of Justice is reviewing)

Source: [NASFAA Analysis](#)

COVID-19 Relief: APLU Advocacy Priorities

- CARES Act, CRRSAA, and ARPA Funding
 - Student eligibility: Allow institutions to use HEERF dollars to support DACA and international students
 - Addressing ongoing implementation challenges
- Next Relief Package
 - Double the Pell campaign
 - Higher education research relief
 - Infrastructure priorities (direct investments and tax relief)