

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)- Student Aid Quarter 1 2021 Report (01/01/2021-03/31/2021)

Under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF), Wor-Wic Community College received education stabilization funds designated exclusively for emergency financial aid grants to students. Subsequent legislation – the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) authorized additional funding for HEERF. Pursuant to guidance issued by the Department of Education, we are providing information about the funds we have received, and how, and to whom, we have distributed them.

Certification

Wor-Wic Community College has signed the Recipient's Funding Certification and Agreement to receive money from the CARES Act and CRRSAA. It intends to use no less than fifty percent of the funds received to provide emergency financial aid grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus (including eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care and childcare).

Total Funds Received

Wor-Wic Community College received \$1,860,894 in Higher Education Emergency Relief funds to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

Funds Awarded

- As of March 31, 2021 ,WWCC has awarded \$987,257.80 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
- During Quarter 1 of 2021, Wor-Wic distributed \$198,805.07 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

Estimated Number of Eligible Students

There are approximately 3,200 students eligible to receive an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under CARES and CRRSAA.

Total Number of Students

- As of March 31, 2021, 916 students received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant.
- During Quarter 1 of 2021, 259 students received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant.

Eligibility

To be eligible to receive an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under the CARES Act, students must:

- Fill out an application at <https://worwic.academicworks.com/opportunities/1465>
- Complete or be eligible to complete the FAFSA
- Be registered during the spring, summer or fall of 2020
- Students were notified of the funds via email on May 4, 2020 and June 25, 2020.

To be eligible to receive an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under CRRSAA, students must:

- Fill out an application at <https://worwic.academicworks.com/opportunities/1465>.
- Be registered on or after March 13, 2020.

Notice

The following notice was provided to students about CARES Act funding:

“As part of legislation passed by the federal government, the college has received funds to assist with financial concerns during the COVID-19 crisis. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act provides a Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund for students struggling with basic needs such as housing, utilities, food, health care, child care, and transportation expenses. It also provides funds for technology that you have purchased during the spring semester or that you will need for upcoming semesters to work in an online environment. Technology needs include computers, Internet subscriptions, Wi-Fi hotspots, technology tools and supplies and assistive technology (assistive technology is for students with disabilities).

You must apply for Higher Education Emergency Relief funds at <https://worwic.academicworks.com/opportunities/1465> and you will need your Wor-Wic user name and password to access the application. Applications will be awarded using basic criteria created by our financial aid office, and awards will be made on a first-come, first-served basis. Awards for basic needs will be pro-rated based on your total number of spring semester credits. If you have already completed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), no further paperwork will be required. If you have not completed a FAFSA, we may require additional documentation from you. Only students that are eligible to file a FAFSA can receive Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds.”