

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) - Student Aid Quarter 3 2021 Report (07/01/2021-09/30/2021)

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) and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) – 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, CRRSAA, and ARPA. 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 \$5,501,053 in Higher Education Emergency Relief funds to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

Funds Awarded

- As of September 30, 2021, WWCC has awarded \$1,869,203.49 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
- During Quarter 3 of 2021, Wor-Wic distributed \$244,211.64 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

Estimated Number of Eligible Students

There are approximately 3,421 students eligible to receive an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under CARES, CRRSAA, and ARPA.

Total Number of Recipients

- As of September 30, 2021, 1,731 students have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant.
- During Quarter 3 of 2021, 511 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> or meet the EFC and enrollment requirements for batch awarding in the chart below
- Be registered on or after March 13, 2020.

CRRSAA Batch Award Amounts Spring 2021				
EFC Range	FT	QT	HT	LTHT
0-2499	\$ 550.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 400.00
2500-4999	\$ 500.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 350.00
5000-7499	\$ 450.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 300.00
7500-9999	\$ 400.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 250.00
10000-14000	\$ 350.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 200.00

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

- Fill out an application at <https://worwic.academicworks.com/opportunities/1465> or meet the EFC and enrollment requirements for batch awarding
- 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.”

Students were notified of the funds available via email on August 4, 2021 and September 22, 2021 and provided a new link for the application: <https://worwic.academicworks.com/opportunities/1666>