

Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) Reporting: Emergency Financial Aid Grant to Students

Update – June 30, 2021 (quarterly update)

- (1) Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®) submitted the signed Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA (Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act) and the ARP (American Rescue Plan Act of 2021) effective May 14, 2021.
- (2) The total amount of funds to be received from the Department for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under these programs will be \$10,027,370.00 under the CRRSAA and \$21,523,513.00 under the ARP; total \$31,550,883.00.
- (3) The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs, as of the date of this report, is \$10,428,901.11.
- (4) The estimated total number of students eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs during the current spring and summer semesters of awarding is 23,158.
- (5) The total number of Emergency Financial Aid awards made to students: 8,117; 5708 unduplicated students.
- (6) Students may access the institutional HEERF application directly from the College's website. Eligibility information is disseminated via email, social media, and on the College's website. Students certify their eligibility through the required institutional HEERF application. Students may be eligible for funds up to \$1,500 per term.

Student emergency financial aid awards are prioritized for Tri-C students with exceptional financial need or emergency financial expenses as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Examples of exceptional financial need or emergency expenses due to COVID-19 pandemic are identified based on guidance provided by the U.S Department of education. They include, but are not limited to:

- Tuition assistance
- Food assistance
- Housing assistance
- Child care emergencies
- Health emergencies
- Technology and equipment needs
- Loss of employment
- Reduced income

The Student Financial Aid and Scholarships team reviews applications daily. Students indicate on their HEERF application if they want to receive funds directly by direct deposit or check by USPS mail, or have the funds applied to their student billing account to help pay tuition and other college charges. Funds to students are processed within 3-5 business days. Students receive an email notification about their HEERF application status.

- (7) Instructions, directions and guidance provided by the institution to students includes: emails to students directing them to the online application; HEERF FAQ's, eligibility and application information posted to the College's HEERF website; social media and email communications make students aware of the Emergency Financial Aid grant program. Email notices are sent to student's Tri-C email accounts.