

## COVID Relief Payments, HEERF II

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) is authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Public Law 116-260, signed into law by President Donald J. Trump on Dec. 27, 2020. In total, the CRRSAA authorizes \$81.88 billion in support for education, in addition to the \$30.75 billion former Secretary DeVos expeditiously provided last spring through the Coronavirus Aid, Recovery, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136.

Based on the approved funding, Southeast must provide direct student grants totaling at least \$3,415,107, which is equal to the amount required by the original HEERF.

### Awarding Methodology

Southeast will award a significant amount of HEERF II student grants in a block grant manner, factoring in student need, enrollment intensity (credit hours), and additional criteria for equitable and consistent awards.

#### To be eligible, students must:

1. Be enrolled for the spring 2021 semester;
2. Have successfully completed their 2020-2021 FAFSA;
3. Meet any additional citizenship/eligibility requirements as outlined by CRRSAA; and
4. Fall within the criteria outlined in the applicable table below.

Undergrad Criteria	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4
EFC	0-5,711	5,712-9,999	10,000-14,999	15,000+
<i>or</i>				
COA Need*	\$16,001+	\$10,001-16,000	\$5,001-9,999	\$0-5,000

*\*COA Need shall be determined as the total COA, less the sum of gift aid and federal student loan eligibility.*

Graduate Criteria	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4
EFC	0-5,711	5,712-9,999	10,000-14,999	15,000+

*Note: Students not making Satisfactory academic progress will only be evaluated on EFC and will automatically be assigned Tier 3 based on any EFC lower than 15,000 or Tier 4 if EFC 15,000 or higher. Students who are in verification at the time of awarding will be assigned based on their preliminary EFC at that time.*

### Funding Levels

Students will receive funding for their tier, prorated based on their enrollment intensity. Students will receive the following amount for each credit hour of enrollment, on 2/25/21:

Student Level	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4
Undergraduate	\$50.00 per hour	\$40.00 per hour	\$30.00 per hour	\$25.00 per hour
Graduate	\$70.00 per hour	\$60.00 per hour	\$50.00 per hour	\$45.00 per hour

*Limited funding may be reserved for additional use as emergency or block grants, with modified criteria, to be used within the maximum timeframe permitted by CRRSAA.*