

COVID Relief Payments, HEERF III

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) is authorized by the American Rescue Plan (ARP), Public Law 117-2, signed into law on March 11, 2021, providing \$39.6 billion in support to institutions of higher education to serve students and ensure learning continues during the COVID-19 pandemic.

ARP funds are in addition to funds authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Public Law 116-260 and the Coronavirus Aid, Recovery, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136. Emergency funds available to institutions and their students under all emergency funds total \$76.2 billion.

Based on the approved HEERF III funding, Southeast must provide direct student grants totaling at least \$10,416,123. The institution's approach to awarding with a prioritization of need for the third round of funds is consistent with the prior two rounds of payments to students.

Awarding Methodology

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

To be eligible, students must:

1. Be enrolled for the Fall 2021 semester;
2. Fall within the criteria outlined in the table below.

Student Tier Groups	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4
EFC	0 – 5,846	5,847 – 12,000	12,001+	No FAFSA

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:

Student Level	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4
Undergraduate	\$110 per hour	\$100 per hour	\$85 per hour	\$75 per hour
Graduate	\$130 per hour	\$120 per hour	\$105 per hour	\$95 per hour

Note: Enrollment was based on number of credit hours a student was enrolled in on September 1, 2021

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