



Henderson State University CARES Act Report

Portion of Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) allocation:

\$1,883,966

Amount distributed as of July 6, 2020:

\$1,592,430

Estimated number of eligible students:

2,534 in Title IV programs for Spring 2020

Number of students who have received HEERF grants as of July 6, 2020:

1,939

A study of all Title IV eligible students enrolled in Spring 2020 semester was conducted by financial aid staff. The study looked at all students enrolled on campus prior to March 13 when the pandemic was declared.

A review of Need, Remaining Need and Remaining Eligibility was completed comparing groups of students at a variety of Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) levels—including those who are Pell eligible, those above Pell eligibility but below Cost of Attendance (COA) and those with an EFC above COA.

In all three categories, the remaining eligibility was the same within one percentage point. The remaining need for the Pell eligible students and those just above Pell eligibility was remarkably similar. It was noted that many students with EFCs above the cost of attendance were in two programs that were hit especially hard by Covid-19—the professional pilot majors and the nursing majors.

The professional pilots lost the ability to have flight hours needed for their program. The nursing students were unable to continue clinical rotations after March 13. In addition, it was noted that the EFCs for the 2019-20 FAFSA was based on 2017 income which is now three years old. Covid-19 has been an equalizer affecting those at any income level from the minimum wage workers to professionals such as dentists.

A form was created and required before each student could receive HEERF funding. The form served the purpose of screening students for eligible expenses related to the disruption of on campus learning from the declaration of the national pandemic on March 13, 2020.

Students received email and text messages notifications of the awards process on May 1, and the information also was shared on university social media channels. Reminder emails were sent on June 21 to all students who were eligible but had not applied.

President's Update: Submit CARES Act Student Grant Applications by May 15 for Priority Review

Dear Students,

I am pleased to announce our application process to distribute \$1.8 million in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act grant funds for Spring 2020 students. These grants are intended to help offset educational costs that you have experienced because of the COVID-19 health emergency.

Applications received by May 15 will receive priority review for processing student checks and direct deposits. The last day to submit applications is June 30.

Students who are eligible

Students who have a valid 2019-2020 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on file with the university and who attended in-person classes prior to March 13 are eligible for funding.

Students who are not eligible

Students whose classes were online for the entire semester, international students, concurrent enrollment students, and students not in a degree-seeking program are not eligible for funding. If you need assistance with your 2019-2020 FAFSA, please contact financialaid@hsu.edu as soon as possible.

Grants are based on student enrollment as of March 13 during the Spring 2020 semester. Grants will be paid directly to the student based on the following allotments through June 30, 2020:

Undergraduate students

\$840: 12 hours or more

\$630: 9-11 hours

\$420: 6-8 hours

\$210: 5 or fewer hours

Graduate students

\$840: 6 hours or more

\$420: 3 hours

Additional Information

The remaining funds will be allocated in the next few weeks. Students should continue to review their Reddies email addresses for further information and will be contacted if they are eligible for a second round of distributions.

Password or technical questions?

helpdesk@hsu.edu

Other questions?

hsuinfo@hsu.edu

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