**Grants will be paid as cash to students, not to account. Make sure direct deposit works, or update address**

Grant awards provided via CARES dollars will not be restricted by cost of attendance ceilings and will not be counted against a student’s future financial aid award.

Grants will be disbursed electronically to student banking accounts or via check.

Even if students have current financial holds or owe the campus fees or fines, they are still eligible for CARES Funds.

**What is the 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 on Dec. 27, 2020. In total, the CRRSAA authorizes $81.88 billion in support for education, in addition to the $30.75 billion expeditiously provided last spring through the Coronavirus Aid, Recovery, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136.

CSUF has received $20,510,756 to provide directly to students, as quickly as possible, as emergency grant aid for food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care.

CSUF is committed to distributing these emergency grants based on three shared CSU principles:

* Student Success
* Equity
* Timeliness and Administrative Simplicity

**Who is eligible?**

All students currently enrolled California State University, Fullerton in undergraduate, graduate, professional and extended education programs with a valid 2020-21 FAFSA on file with CSUF who are:

* Enrolled in a degree seeking program
* Enrolled in at least 1 unit in the spring 2021 term
* U.S. citizens or permanent residents
* Not receiving the faculty/staff tuition waiver or the dependent of faculty/staff tuition waiver

**Non-Eligible Students**

Students who do not meet the above eligibility criteria, might be eligible for an emergency grant through Tuffy’s Basic Needs Services Center (TBNSC). To be considered for a TBNSC emergency grant, students should not have previously received an emergency grant in the past.

Due to very high demand and the limited availability of emergency grant funds, not all HEERF II ineligible students who seek financial assistance will receive an emergency grant. If you are ineligible for HEERF II funds, and you have not previously received emergency grant funds through Tuffy’s Basic Needs Services Center since you have been enrolled at Cal State Fullerton, please visit this link: http://www.fullerton.edu/deanofstudents/secondary\_tabs/cares\_act/index.php.

**What can the grants fund?**

The CSU HEERF II emergency grants are designed to support student expenses related to the COVID-19 pandemic. These expenses might include food, housing, course materials, technology, health care and child-care expenses.

**What are the grant amounts?**

Grant amounts will vary based on student need.

**How will grant amounts be determined by California State University, Fullerton?**

Grant amounts will automatically be provided to eligible students with a FAFSA on file. Eligible students will receive an email beginning on March 29, 2021 regarding their eligibility for the grant. Eligible students will be awarded a Primary Grant and one additional Supplemental Grant depending on their Expected Family Contribution (EFC):

* HEERF II (Primary Grant): awarded to all eligible students
  + Students enrolled in 7 or more units receive $400
  + Students enrolled in 6 or less units receive $200
* HEERF II (Supplemental Grant) awarded to students based on EFC from the FAFSA and prorated for enrollment
  + - Supplemental Grant A - Students with EFC $0-$3,000
      * Enrolled in 7 or more units: $450 grant ($850 total grant award)
      * Enrolled in 1-6 units: $250 grant ($450 total grant award)
    - Supplemental Grant B - Students with EFC $3,001-$5,711
      * Enrolled in 7 or more units: $200 grant ($600 total grant award)
      * Enrolled in 1-6 units: $100 grant ($300 total grant award)
    - Supplemental Grant C - Students with EFC higher than $5,711
      * Enrolled in 7 or more units: $100 grant ($500 total grant award)
      * Enrolled in 1-6 units: $50 grant ($250 total grant award)

**When will I receive funds?**

California State University, Fullerton, will begin awarding HEERF II emergency grants by April 15th, 2021.

**How will I receive funds?**

Eligible students may receive HEERF II emergency grant funds via

**1.** **Direct Deposit-** students must have already been enrolled in direct deposit in order to receive funds via direct deposit.

**2. Checks-** Eligible students without direct deposit information on record, will be mailed a check to the mailing address that is on file through the student center. If students do not have direct deposit set up, please ensure that mailing address is correct on the student portal.

**Would a graduating senior be eligible for this aid?**

All eligible students (see criteria in the “Who Is Eligible?” question) in with a 2020-21 FAFSA on file will be automatically awarded.

**What if I don’t currently have a FAFSA on file?**

The primary filing date for the 2020-21 FAFSA was March 2, 2020, however, students who did not submit a FAFSA by that date can still fill out the FAFSA to be considered for the HEERF II emergency grant assistance. Students must complete a 2020-21 FAFSA, and meet all requirements for HEERF II emergency grant consideration. The deadline is June 30, 2021, or while funds are available.

**What if I am not eligible for HEERF II Funds?**

Students who do not meet the above eligibility criteria, might be eligible for an emergency grant through Tuffy’s Basic Needs Services Center (TBNSC). To be considered for a TBNSC emergency grant, students should not have previously received an emergency grant in the past.

Due to very high demand and the limited availability of emergency grant funds, not all HEERF II ineligible students who seek financial assistance will receive an emergency grant. If you are ineligible for HEERF II funds, and you have not previously received emergency grant funds through Tuffy’s Basic Needs Services Center since you have been enrolled at Cal State Fullerton, please visit this link: http://www.fullerton.edu/deanofstudents/secondary\_tabs/cares\_act/index.php

**What if I owe a balance on my student account, will the HEERF II funds be applied to the balance first?**

100% of the HERF II Emergency Grant funds will go directly to the student, and not pay any outstanding charges.

**What is the CDA Emergency Grant?**

Students who complete the California Dream Act (CDA) application are not eligible for HEERF II. Therefore, our office has taken steps to allocate institutional funds for purposes of awarding emergency grants to our CDA students who have been affected by the ongoing COVID-19 crisis.

**Who is eligible for the CDA Emergency Grant?**

CDA Emergency Grants are awarded to students who:

* Have an official 2020-21 CDA application on file with CSUF
* Have confirmed AB 540 status
* Enrolled in at least 1 unit for spring 2021
* Have demonstrated need

**Are there any other resources?**

Students who do not meet the above eligibility criteria, might be eligible for an emergency grant through Tuffy’s Basic Needs Services Center (TBNSC).  To be considered for a TBNSC emergency grant, students should not have previously received an emergency grant in the past.

Due to very high demand and the limited availability of emergency grant funds, not all CARES ineligible students who seek financial assistance will receive an emergency grant.  If you are ineligible for CARES Act funds, and you have not previously received emergency grant funds through Tuffy’s Basic Needs Services Center since you have been enrolled at Cal State Fullerton, please visit this link: http://www.fullerton.edu/deanofstudents/secondary\_tabs/cares\_act/index.php.