

## **HEERF 2 Reporting for Student Portion-Quarter 1**

### **Introduction**

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) is authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA).

The relief packages authorized by the federal government include funds, which provide financial support to higher education institutions, as well as directly to students through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF). A portion of each institution's allocation must be awarded to students in the form of emergency financial aid grants for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the COVID-19 crisis. Information pertaining to the Student Emergency Grants can be located below.

### **Student Emergency Grant**

Flagler College has received \$4,137,808 provided under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CRRSAA Act. Of that amount, at least \$1,354,397 was required to be used for emergency student aid. In distributing these funds, Flagler College followed the instructions and guidance provided by the U.S. Department of Education, Federal Student Aid, and the Certification and Agreement completed by the College. That guidance provides institutions with discretion to develop their own systems and processes for determining how to allocate these funds, subject to certain limitations on student eligibility and expense eligibility.

### **Distribution**

The Higher education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) was established and funded by the Federal government to provide emergency financial aid grants to students for any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health), or child care. Flagler College distributed the HEERF II emergency grants in multiple rounds with an application process that began on March 26, 2021.

### **Quarter 1: January 2021-March 2021**

#### **Estimated Total of Eligible Students**

**Quarter 1:** The estimated number of Flagler students who were eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CRRSAA Act as of March 31, 2021 is 2,422.

#### **Amount Awarded**

**Quarter 1:** As of March 31, 2021, Flagler College distributed \$14,664 from the Emergency Financial Aid Grant to 6 eligible students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CRRSAA Act.

A credit was applied to the student account after the application was reviewed and approved. The award was applied to the outstanding balance if authorization was received from the student. Any student that did not authorize the credit to be applied toward their outstanding balance received the award through their refund preference.

## **Method for Distribution**

Based on guidance from the U.S. Department of Education, these funds are intended to support students who have incurred expenses as a result of disruptions to campus operations due to the coronavirus. Eligible expenses include food, housing, course materials, technology, health care or child care.

These one-time emergency grants are to help students with exceptional financial need meet current urgent expenses that occurred from the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19. They must be used toward:

- any component of the Cost of Attendance
- emergency costs that arose due to the coronavirus, such as
  - tuition
  - food
  - housing
  - health care (including mental health)
  - child care

## **Eligibility Round One:**

Application open 3/26/21 – 5/9/2021

The student grant portion of the HEERF II funding at Flagler College was awarded as student grants to students with exceptional financial need. Exceptional financial need can be demonstrated by any of the following methods:

- Eligibility for a 2020-21 Pell Grant
- Significant unmet need (unmet need greater than \$5,000) --Unmet need is established using your FAFSA results, Cost of Attendance Budget, and financial aid awarded for the 2020-21 academic year
- Significant borrowing for the 2020-21 academic year (total educational loans for 2020-21 greater than \$10,000)
- An inability to pay your outstanding balance due to Flagler College
- A demonstrated COVID-related impact

## **Instructions to Students**

Students were sent direct communications about the HEERF II funding. The communications included the eligibility requirements and the steps to complete the application process.