

**HIGHER EDUCATION EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND REPORTING
CRRSSA HEERF II GRANTS (Revised 11/16/2021)**

Until the U. S. Department of Education determines the process by which institutions may directly report the required data for HEERF II Grant expenditures, institutions have been directed to provide this information easily accessible to the public on the institution's website.

An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used, or intends to use, no less than 50 percent of the funds received under CRRSSA Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

McLennan Community College signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement on May 5, 2020. Because of signing the earlier CARES Act agreement, an additional agreement was not required.

The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

McLennan Community College has received \$14,697,384. (Revised 11/16/2021)

The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the 30-day Report and every 45 days thereafter).

As of June 30, 2021, \$396,760 has been distributed to 896 students.

The estimated total number of students at the institution eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in the Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

We estimate that there are 3,302 students (this excludes students enrolled in all online courses, students suspended due to SAP issues, students enrolled in dual credit programs, consortium agreements, and non-degree seeking students.)

The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students.

As of June 30, 2021, 896 students have received funding.

The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive.

A group consisting of the Vice President Finance and Administration, Director of Financial Aid, Associate Director of Financial Aid, Financial Aid Specialist, Director Admissions, Executive Director Foundation, Coordinator Recruiting, and Director Marketing and Communication reviewed the guidance and developed the plan that was presented to Campus Leadership and the Board of Trustees. The plan included the following.

Method for determining eligibility:

- Students enrolled for Spring 2021/ Summer 1 and receiving the Pell Grant or had an EFC low enough to receive the Pell Grant were considered to have exceptional need and automatically awarded a grant under this section.
- Approximately 77% of funding would be provided to Pell eligible students.
- Students will be grouped by those receiving Pell Grants and those with eligible FAFSA results on file not receiving Pell Grants, and a third group of students who are enrolled but have not completed the FAFSA. Additionally, enrollment status (enrolled in 9 or more hours, and 1 through 8 hours) will be considered.
- Students who are not eligible to receive the Pell Grant would complete a simple application for the federal HEERF II grant that specifies that the students incurred expenses related to the Coronavirus. The application asks the student to indicate the expenses incurred under the cost of attendance such as food, housing, Course materials, technology, and childcare.
- All students receiving consideration for funding must have been enrolled for the 2021 Spring semester.

The following table provides the amounts for each group of students after June reallocation:

PELL ELIGIBLE STUDENTS	
Enrolled 9 or more hours	\$870
Enrolled 1 through 8 hours	\$435
FAFSA ON FILE NOT PELL ELIGIBLE	
Enrolled 9 or more hours	\$500
Enrolled 1 through 8 hours	\$250

Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

Each student considered eligible was sent an e-mail explaining that the student may qualify for a grant from the CRRSSA HEERF II Act. Included in the e-mail was a link to the College’s application and a link to the information page on the College website found here and copied below:

<https://www.mclennan.edu/crisis-management/coronavirus-updates/student-resources/crrsaa/index.html>

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II Grants (Revised 11/16/2021)

MCC received funding through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) as authorized through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act 2021 (CRRSAA). This funding is to assist the neediest students attending College who have been financially impacted by the Coronavirus.

Federal Emergency Relief Fund for MCC Students

HEERF II funds are federal grants that can be used to help cover expenses, so you can focus on your education and meet your academic goals. You will not be asked to pay these funds back.

Awards to Students

McLennan Community College is planning its awarding process in four phases:

Phase 1

Students receiving Pell Grants have been described in the legislation as the neediest students so we will automatically award those students who have an EFC (from the FAFSA) that would have allowed them to receive the Pell Grant and are enrolled in the 2021 spring semester. The award amounts will be adjusted based on enrollment status. An email and text message will be sent to these students to notify them of the disbursement.

Phase 2

We will review those Pell Grant eligible students who have enrolled in the spring 2021 second 8 week term and award as in Phase 1 above.

Phase 3

In late March 2021 an email and text will be sent to the remaining enrolled students with a link to an application for funding. The student will have the opportunity to explain their circumstances on this application and submit it for consideration. If approved, the award will be set up and disbursed through our usual business practices.

Phase 4

The remaining funding from Spring 2021 will be awarded in Summer 1, if applicable. These funds will be disbursed following the same method as Phase 1.

Funding in this program is very limited and applications will be considered on a first come first served basis and awards made until funds are exhausted. Once funds have been spent, all applicants will be notified.

You will not be eligible for HEERF II Student Aid if:

- You are co-enrolled in another college or university where you could also be receiving HEERF II funds (consortium agreement).
- You are a DACA, foreign or international student.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who is Eligible?

Current and newly enrolled students who show exceptional need by qualifying for the Pell Grant and other students who can show that they have been financially impacted by the COVID 19 pandemic may be eligible. Funding is limited so not all students completing the application will receive the funds.

You will not be eligible for HEERF II Student Aid if:

You are co-enrolled in another college or university where you could also be receiving HEERF II funds (consortium agreement).

You are a DACA, foreign or international student.

How do I apply?

Students receiving Pell Grants or those who could be receiving Pell Grants based on their Estimated Family Contribution do not need to take any action. We will award this group of students automatically.

Other students will complete the application linked in your student email.

Does this impact my financial aid?

No. Eligible students may receive both Financial Aid and HEERF II grants.

Can I apply for HEERF II grants while attending another college or university?

No. Students attending under a Consortium Agreement should receive their HEERF II awards through their Home Institution.

How do I receive the funds?

Once your application is approved, you will receive funds by electronic deposit or check. Be sure to set up your Highlander One Card (through BankMobile) preferences and make sure your mailing address is up to date.

MCC provides equal educational opportunities to all individuals and does not discriminate against any individual regardless of race, color, religion, national or ethnic origin, gender, disability, age, veteran status, genetic information, sexual orientation, gender identity, pregnancy, or other legally protected category in its educational programs, activities, or employment. <http://www.mclennan.edu/employees/policy-manual/docs/E-XXXIV.pdf> (Download PDF reader)