

**HIGHER EDUCATION EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND REPORTING
CRRSSA HEERF II GRANTS**

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 \$2,449,015.

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 March 31, 2021, \$2,052,255 has been distributed to 2,786 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 2,932 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 March 31, 2021, 2,786 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 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:

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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:

HEERF II Act Grant Information

MCC received HEERF II Act funding to support students who have been financially impacted by the Coronavirus (COVID-19). These funds are a part of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund, a new federal grant funded by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA).

Federal Emergency Relief Fund for MCC Students

HEERF II Act 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 the funds back.

Steps to apply:

1. Students who have received Pell Grant funds for the 2021 Spring semester are automatically awarded these funds. These funds were distributed prior to Spring Break.
2. Students who did not receive the Pell Grant will be asked to complete a short application to help us determine who may be eligible.
3. You will be contacted by MCC via email or other electronic communication. (Due to an expected high volume of applications, please allow several days for review of application).
4. All students enrolled except DACA and International students may qualify if their application shows eligibility.

Eligibility & Requirements

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 Act funds (consortium agreement).
- If you are a DACA student or International Student.

Frequently Asked Questions

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Current and newly enrolled students who have been impacted financially by the COVID-19 pandemic could be eligible for HEERF II Act grants. Potentially eligible students will receive an email or other electronic message indicating that we believe they might be eligible. Funding is limited so not all students completing the application will receive the funds.

HOW DO I APPLY?

1. Complete the application linked in your student email.
2. You will be contacted by MCC. (Due to a high volume of applications, please allow up to five business days to receive a response.)

DOES THIS IMPACT MY OTHER FINANCIAL AID?

No. Eligible students may receive both traditional financial aid and HEERF II Act grants.

CAN I APPLY FOR HEERF II GRANTS WHILE ATTENDING ANOTHER COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY?

No. Students are not eligible for HEERF II Act grants at MCC if they are attending MCC through a consortium agreement with another college or university where they could also receive HEERF II Act grant funds.

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. For information on the Highlander One Card visit this site: <https://www.mclennan.edu/stuact/highlandercard.html>.