

# HEERF II FUNDING

## WHAT IS HEERF II?

The U.S. Department of Education announced the awarding of additional funds for higher education institutions under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund approved on December 27, 2020 (HEERF II). HEERF II provides emergency funding to higher-education institutions to assist students in need during the coronavirus pandemic. In 2020, these funds were known as the CARES Act Funding.

Per the U.S. Department of Education, these one-time grants are to be disbursed to **eligible students** (as defined below) with exceptional need, which will be based on their Expected Family Contribution (EFC) as calculated using the information provided on the **2020-2021 FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Grants will be awarded as follows:

Expected Family Contribution (EFC)	HEERF II Grant Amount
\$0 - \$4,999	\$820.00
\$5,000 - \$9,999	\$720.00
\$10,000 - \$14,999	\$620.00
\$15,000 and above	\$520.00

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR HEERF II FUNDS?

To be eligible for federal HEERF II grants, students must meet ALL the following criteria:

- Submit a 2020-2021 FAFSA application by May 21, 2021.
- Continuously enrolled since January 11, 2021.
- Have a valid EFC as determined by your FAFSA.
- A U.S./ citizen or eligible noncitizen.

## WHAT IF I HAVEN'T SUBMITTED A 2020-2021 FAFSA?

Students may still be eligible for HEERF II funding but must submit a FAFSA application by the May 21, 2021 deadline. Completed applications typically take the Department of Education 48-72 hours to process. If you are just now completing a FAFSA application, contact Financial Aid at [fctcfinaid@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:fctcfinaid@stjohns.k12.fl.us) to ensure your eligibility is determined before the deadline.

## HOW MUCH FUNDING IS AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS?

First Coast Technical College has received \$154,178 under the HEERF II to be awarded to students as emergency financial aid grants.

## HOW LONG BEFORE I KNOW IF I AM AWARED HEERF II FUNDS?

If you have submitted a FAFSA, and have met all the above guidelines, FCTC anticipates you will receive an email notification no later than June 18, 2021 with funds disbursed to eligible students no later than June 30, 2021.

## HOW WILL I RECEIVE MY HEERF II FUNDING?

A paper check will be issued. Eligible students will receive an email with a date and time to pick up their check. Eligible students will be required to provide identification and sign a form documenting receipt of the check.

The email will be sent to the email address on record. If there are any changes that need to be made to your email address, please contact registration at [fctc-registration@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:fctc-registration@stjohns.k12.fl.us) no later than May 31, 2021.

## WILL I RECEIVE FUNDING IF I HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED MY PROGRAM?

Yes. Students that were continuously enrolled in a qualified program since January 11, 2021 until completion of the program are eligible to receive the funding.

For example: If you graduated in May 2021 and were continuously enrolled since January 11, 2021, you will receive funding as long as you have met ALL of the qualifying criteria.

## WHO CAN I CONTACT IF I HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

If your question is not answered in these FAQs, email [fctcfinancialaid@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:fctcfinancialaid@stjohns.k12.fl.us). Emails will be responded to within 48 business hours in the order in which they were received.