

# HEERF III FUNDING

## WHAT IS HEERF III?

The U.S. Department of Education announced the awarding of additional funds for higher education institutions under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund. HEERF III Funds is the third allotment of funds that provides financial support to colleges and universities, as well as students.

Per the U.S. Department of Education, these one-time grants are to be disbursed to **eligible students** with exceptional need. The student must have been enrolled March 13, 2020 or there after. We will reach out to Financial Aid Applicants about the opportunity to receive a financial aid adjustment stemming from a financial hardship as described in section 470A of the HEA.

| Expected Family Contribution (EFC) | HEERF III Grant Amount |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| \$0 - \$6,000                      | \$1,000.00             |
| \$6,001 - \$15,000                 | \$755.00               |
| \$15,001 - and above               | \$530.00               |
| No FAFSA                           | \$200.00               |

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR HEERF III FUNDS?

To be eligible for federal HEERF III grants, students must meet the following:

Students who were or are enrolled in an institution of higher education during the COVID-19 national emergency ,(March 13, 2020 to current) are eligible for emergency financial aide grants from HEERF, regardless of whether they completed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid or are eligible for Title IV. Institutions are directed to prioritize students with exceptional need, such as students that receive the Pell Grant or student with extraordinary financial circumstance in awarding emergency financial aid funds.

## WHAT IF I HAVEN'T SUBMITTED A 2021-2022 FAFSA?

Students may still be eligible for HEERF III funding even if they did not complete the FAFSA.

## HOW MUCH FUNDING IS AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS?

First Coast Technical College has received \$518,523.00 under the HEERF III to be awarded to students as emergency financial aid grants.

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

FCTC anticipates you will receive an email notification no later than April 30, 2022 with funds disbursed to eligible students no later than May 13, 2022.

## HOW WILL I RECEIVE MY HEERF III 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 [fctcfinaid@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:fctcfinaid@stjohns.k12.fl.us).

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

Yes. Students that were enrolled in a program March 13, 2020 or thereafter.

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

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