

## Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students Fund Reporting

The American Rescue Plan provided institutions of higher education with the financial support and resources needed to mitigate challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. Additional guidance was provided regarding the use of funds received under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) grant program.

### CERTIFICATION

Georgia College & State University signed and returned to the Department of Education the original Certification and Agreement on April 10, 2020.

### AWARD

Georgia College & State University received an additional \$6,172,402 of HEERF II funding pursuant to Section 314(a)(1) of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Pub. L. 116-260, are governed by Section 314 of CRRSAA. At least \$2,665,000 will be distributed directly to students to assist with emergency costs due to Coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care), or childcare.

### FUNDS DISTRIBUTED

As of 06/01/2021, GCSU has distributed \$2,665,000 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF II).

### STUDENT ELIGIBILITY HEERF2 and HEERFI2

As of 06/01/2021, GCSU has distributed HEERF II Emergency Financial Aid Grants to 2,665 students.

### METHOD USED TO DETERMINE STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

Tiers representing students Expected Family Contribution (EFC) are used to determine how much funds students are to receive. Below are the tiers with the amounts. Tier 1 students were awarded in a batch process and students did not have to apply with an application.

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| 1. Tier 1  | \$1,000 Award |
| Currently Enrolled Undergraduate with EFC= \$0- 21,000 |               |
| Currently Enrolled Graduate with EFC= \$0- 18,000      |               |
| 2. Tier 2  | \$1,000 Award |

Currently Enrolled Undergraduate with EFC > \$21,000  
Currently Enrolled Graduate with EFC > \$18,000

Tier 2 students must apply by completing an application. The application will then be reviewed by the HEERF Review Committee for approval or denial. Students must provide explanation of how student was impacted by the Coronavirus and include supporting documentation, if available, of any emergency costs as a result of being impacted by the Coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care), or childcare.

### **INSTRUCTIONS/DIRECTIONS GIVEN TO STUDENTS**

Instructions, directions, guidance, and the application provided to students regarding the Emergency Financial Aid Grants can be found [here](#).