



# CRRSAA Disclosure

**Updated June 29, 2021**

South Texas College has signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement on April 16, 2020. South Texas College intends to use no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. HEERF II funding must be used for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus. Eligible expenses include tuition, food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and/or child care. The grants may not fully cover the expenses a student has incurred due to the disruption.

South Texas College received an additional allocation from the US Department of Education (as appropriated by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act) to create an emergency grant fund for South Texas College students. The funds are intended to help students who have experienced a financial problem due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Recipient's Funding Certification & Agreement - Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act	<a href="#">Download</a>
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 under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.	<b>\$10,011,199</b>
The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs as of the date of submission	<b>\$3,471,600</b>
The estimated total number of students at the institution that are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.	<b>17,000</b>
The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.	<b>6,009</b>

## Methods

The method to determine which students receive HEERF II Emergency Financial Aid Grants authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Public Law 116-260 section 314 of the CRRSAA, guidance published by the US Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education that was posted on January 14, 2021 and updated on March 19, 2021 online at <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/crrsaa.html>.

As of May 11, 2021 the Department of Education published final rule, "[Eligibility To Receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students Under HEERF](#)" (May 14, 2021, 86 FR 26608) (Final Rule), the term "student," for purposes of the phrases "grants to students," "Emergency financial aid grants to students," and "financial aid grants to students" as used in the HEERF programs, is now defined as any individual who is or was enrolled (as defined in [34 CFR § 668.2](#)) at an eligible institution (as defined in [34 CFR § 600.2](#)) on or after March 13, 2020, the date of declaration of the national emergency due to the coronavirus ([85 FR 15337](#)). Thus, students are no longer required to be eligible for Title IV student financial aid in order to receive HEERF grants to students.

The Frequently Asked Questions document posted by the Office of Postsecondary Education states in Answer #8 unlike the CARES Act, the CRRSAA requires that institutions prioritize students with exceptional need, such as students who receive Pell Grants, in awarding financial aid grants to students. However, students do not need to be only Pell recipients or students who are eligible for Pell grants. In addition, the CRRSAA explicitly provides that financial aid grants to students may be provided to students exclusively enrolled in distance education. The criteria to participate include but are not limited to the following: US citizenship or eligible noncitizen; and a high school diploma, GED, or completion of high school in an approved homeschool setting. Accordingly, South Texas College has complied with regulations and guidance in processing applications from students it has received.

The method to determine how much each student would receive considered the allocation formula grant funds received by South Texas College for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), plans to use no less than fifty percent of the funds received to provide emergency financial aid grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus (including eligible expenses under a student's costs of attendance such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care), and an estimated number of students who would meet the eligibility guidelines provided by the US Department of Education: Office of Postsecondary Education. South Texas College determined the amount of each individual emergency financial aid grant consistent with all applicable laws including non-discrimination laws, has collected information from student applicants, and determined that the initial distribution amount for eligible Summer 2021 students would be \$600 and for Fall 2021 students would be eligible for \$1,700.

South Texas College will prioritize the distribution of the HEERF II funds first to Pell Grant students with exceptional need as determined by the FAFSA. STC will then award students who submitted a FAFSA and who have moderate to minimal unmet need. The last group STC will award are students without a FAFSA on file who complete the HEERF II application and are determined to have exceptional need.

## Instructions

Please view supporting documents of instruction, direction, and guidance STC provided to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants:

- [HEERF II Emergency Aid Application](#)
- [HEERF II Email Message](#)
- [HEERF II Informational Webpage](#)