

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II)

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Orleans Technical College (OPE ID: 021830) received supplemental COVID-19 relief funds under Section 314(a)(1) of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Public Law 116-260, signed into law on Dec. 27, 2020. This Fund Report applies to the student portion received under the Higher Education Emergency Relief II Fund (HEERF II) that is designated exclusively for emergency financial aid grants to students.

The institution appreciates that Congress and the President have made these critical funds available for eligible students to address their unmet needs and ensure learning continues during the COVID-19 pandemic. We take receipt of these federal funds seriously and have distributed them in accordance with the CRRSAA Act and implementing guidance.

The institution is making the below information available for transparency purposes and in compliance with the U.S. Department of Education's ("Department") published guidance. For questions or concerns regarding this Fund Report, please contact **Latanya Byrd, Student Financial Services Director**, at Latanya.Byrd@orleanstech.edu

1. The institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students. The institution received a grant award notification for CRRSAA (a)(1) funds on January 19, 2021. The institution assures it will provide the same amount in financial aid grants to students from Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA funds that it was required to provide under its original CARES Act Student Aid Portion award.
2. The total amount of funds that the institution received from the Department under Section 314(a)(1) of CRRSAA designated for distribution to students is **\$291,475.00**.
3. The total amount of emergency financial aid grants distributed to students under Section 314(a)(1) of CRRSAA **as of 2/18/2021** is **\$0**.
 - **Q1 Update:** The total amount of emergency financial aid grants distributed to students under Section 314(a)(1) of CRRSAA **as of 3/31/2021** is **\$291,475.00**.
4. The total number of students at the institution who were eligible to receive emergency financial aid grants under Section 314(a)(1) of CRRSAA **as of 2/18/2021** is **221**.
 - **Q1 Update:** The total number of students at the institution who were eligible to receive emergency financial aid grants under Section 314(a)(1) of CRRSAA **as of 3/31/2021** is **222**.
5. The total number of students who have received an emergency financial aid grant under Section 314(a)(1) of CRRSAA **as of 2/18/2021** is **0**.
 - **Q1 Update:** The total number of students who have received an emergency financial aid grant under Section 314(a)(1) of CRRSAA **as of 3/31/2021** is **220**.
 - This quarterly posting is the final report that covers all HEERF II fund expenditures for Section 314(a)(1) of CRRSAA Student Portion funds.

6. The methods used by the institution to determine which students receive emergency financial aid grants and how much they would receive under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA are provided at **Attachment A-II**.

7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the emergency financial aid grants under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA are provided at **Attachment B-II**.

Attachment A-II

- Students eligible to receive Higher Education Emergency Relief II Funds must be a U.S. citizen or national, permanent resident, or other eligible noncitizen (due to the 1996 welfare reform law—the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act, P.L. 104-193).
- The following logic was used to determine amounts:

EFC 0	100% of equal distribution + EFC 1 to 5500 and EFC over 5500 or did not complete FASFA adjustments
EFC 1 to 5500	95% of equal distribution
EFC over 5500 or did not complete FASFA	85% of equal distribution

- group is multiplied by the equal distribution dollar amount of \$291,475. This gives three “categories” of funds.
 - EFC 1 to 5500 - group category is reduced by 5%
 - EFC over 5500 or did not complete FASFA - group category is reduced by 15%
 - The sum of the adjustments made to EFC 1 to 5500 and EFC over 5500 or did not complete FASFA groups is added to the EFC 0 group.
- Each of the three fund categories are then divided by the number of students in each respective group to give a new weighted allocation per student depending on their particular category. These amounts were rounded up to the nearest \$0.10
- The \$291,475 grant amount for student disbursement was used to determine the per student allocation amount based on the above formula for all eligible students who requested the funds and were active in a Title IV eligible program at the time of the second school closure (November 20, 2020¹), or began attendance in a Title IV eligible program between 1/19/21 and 3/1/21.

¹ This date was originally reported incorrectly as November, 20 2021. The report was revised on 4/27/2022 to report the correct date, November 20, 2020, to accurately describe the methods used by the institution to determine which students receive emergency financial aid grants and how much they would receive under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA.

Attachment B-II

Eligible students were emailed a link to a request form and provided the following instructions:

Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students Under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) as the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II)

The U.S. Department of Education has made Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students of Orleans Technical College who have demonstrated need and are facing financial challenges because of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. You may be eligible for the need-based emergency grant which may be used for any component your cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care. Please complete and submit this form by Friday, March 1, 2021.

Eligible student who submitted a request form were provided the following award notice which included the amount they were awarded:

Dear [Student Name],

Our Review Committee has reviewed your request for an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) and have determined you are eligible to receive \$[grant amount] in funding. As a reminder, the CRSSA Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) was developed to address the pressing financial needs of students due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic with the purpose of providing emergency financial aid grants to students to use exclusively for any component of your cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care.