

## Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund - Round 2 - HEERFII

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (“CRRSAA”) was passed by Congress and signed into law on December 27, 2020, to provide additional economic relief from COVID-19. Section 314 of the CRRSAA authorizes the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (“HEERF II”), which provide funds to institutions of higher education, like Logan University, for certain expenses related to the COVID-19 global pandemic and incurred on or after December 27, 2020. Notably, a portion of these funds are intended to be distributed directly to eligible students.

In January 2021, Logan was approved for \$112,142 in financial grants to students, which may be used for any component of the student’s 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. Additionally, Logan was approved for \$312,874 for institutional expenses related to COVID-19. The University has made the decision to award the full institutional share to students for emergency grants allocating the total \$425,016 as such.

Students eligible for grants under the HEERF II at Logan University are those who:

1. Were enrolled at Logan in the 2021 Spring Trimester as of April 9, 2021, and
2. Meet U.S. Citizen or national, permanent resident, or other eligible non-citizen status
3. Excludes Logan faculty or staff enrolled as a student, and high school dual enrollment student

Grant Amounts Awarded:

- Current Pell Grant Recipients: \$500
- All other eligible student: \$246/\$247

### HEERF II FAQs

Please review the FAQ items below for additional guidance regarding HEERF II student grant distributions.

- **Why did I get this money?**

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (“HEERF II”) is authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Public Law 116-260, signed into law on December 27, 2020. Eligible students will receive either \$500, \$247 or \$246 HEERF II grant. Logan University students are able to use these funds to assist with expenses related to any component of their cost of attendance or emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) and child care. Recipients were notified via a message to their Logan email account.

- **Which students are eligible for HEERF II grants?**

HEERF II student grant funds will be awarded as a block grant to Logan students who meet these criteria:

- Were enrolled at Logan in the 2021 Spring Trimester as of April 9, 2021, and
- Meet U.S. Citizen or national, permanent resident, or other eligible non-citizen status
- Excludes Logan faculty or staff enrolled as a student, and high school dual enrollment student

Grant Amounts Awarded:

- Current Pell Grant Recipients: \$500
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- **I got this money as a refund. Does this mean my Logan account balance has been paid off?**

No. Distribution of HEERF II funds is made directly to students and not applied by the University toward any outstanding balances that may still be owed by the student. As such, receipt of these funds does not indicate the recipient has satisfied their financial obligations to Logan for any debts incurred during the spring 2021 term or any terms prior. Please check your current account balance in self serve to determine what you may still owe.

- **I signed the consent form. Does my grant get applied toward my outstanding balance?**

Yes, the grant will apply toward any outstanding balance that you have if you signed the electronic consent form. If you have a zero balance, you will receive a refund for any amount in excess of what you owe. If you have financial aid and this grant reduces the amount you owe for 2021 Summer, then you will see a little higher credit balance refund when your student loans post to your student account.

- **Am I eligible to receive HEERF II funds if I am not meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards?**

Yes. Guidance issued by the U.S. Department of Education indicates that students not meeting Financial Aid SAP standards (or other Title IV student eligibility criteria) are still eligible for HEERF II distributions.

- **Are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) students eligible for HEERF II funds?**

No. Guidance issued by the U.S. Department of Education indicates that students must

meet citizenship requirements to qualify for the HEERF II funds. This limits eligibility to U.S. Citizens or nationals, permanent residents, or other eligible non-citizens.

- **Are International students eligible for HEERF II funds?**

No. Guidance issued by the U.S. Department of Education indicates that students must meet citizenship criteria in order to receive HEERF II funds. This limits eligibility to U.S. Citizens or nationals, permanent residents, or other eligible non-citizens.

- **Do I have to pay this money back?**

No. Any funds a student receives from the HEERF II funds do not need to be repaid.

- **Does this money count against my financial aid package?**

No. Grant funding from HEERF II is not considered financial assistance under federal statute, nor U.S. Department of Education regulations. As such, these funds will not impact your eligibility for regular financial aid (e.g., grants, scholarships, loans).

- **Is money received from HEERF II considered taxable income?**

HEERF II grants are not treated as taxable income or untaxed income for Title IV federal student aid purposes.

In addition, because the emergency financial aid grant is not includable in a student's gross income, students are not able to claim any deduction or credit for expenses paid with the grant including the tuition and fees deduction, the American Opportunity Credit, or the Lifetime Learning Credit. See section 139(h) of the Internal Revenue Code.

All students are encouraged to talk with a personal tax professional relating to any questions you may have about the treatment of the funds.