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Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act or, CARES Act, was passed by Congress on March 27th, 2020. This bill allotted \$2.2 trillion to provide fast and direct economic aid to the American people negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Of that money, approximately \$14 billion was given to the Office of Postsecondary Education as the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund, or HEERF.

Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act

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 Dec. 27, 2020. In total, the CRRSAA authorizes \$81.88 billion in support for education, in addition to the \$30.75 billion expeditiously provided last spring through the Coronavirus Aid, Recovery, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136.

American Rescue Plan

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) is authorized by the American Rescue Plan (ARP), Public Law 117-2, signed into law on March 11, 2021, providing \$39.6 billion in support to institutions of higher education to serve students and ensure learning continues during the COVID-19 pandemic. ARP funds are in addition to funds authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Public Law 116-260 and the Coronavirus Aid, Recovery, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136. Emergency funds available to institutions and their students under all emergency funds total \$76.2 billion.

On April 9, 2020, the Department of Education (“Department”) published documents related to the Emergency Financial Aid Grants, a form Certification and Agreement for institutions to sign and return to access the funds, and a list of institutional allocations under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. The Certification and Agreement directs each institution applying for HEERF funds to comply with Section 18004(e) of the CARES Act and submit an initial report to the Secretary thirty (30) days from the date of the institution's Certification and Agreement to the Department.

Each HEERF participating institution must post the information listed below on the institution's primary website, as an initial report under Section 18004(e) of the CARES Act. This report is associated with approved information collection under OMB control number 1801-0005. This information must also be updated no later than 10 days after

the end of each calendar quarter (September 30, December 31, March 31, and June 30).

(1) On **April 14, 2020**, Navarro College signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement that the institution intends to use, no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. Navarro College also assures that the applicable amount of funds designated under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs is used to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

(2) On April 22, 2020, Navarro College received **\$2,050,823** from the Department of Education under the institution's Certificate and Agreement of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. Navarro College received an additional \$10,074,069 from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certificate of Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA and APR (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs. This is a cumulative total of \$12,124,892 dedicated to Emergency Financial Aid Grants from CARES, CRRSAA, and ARP.

(3) From April 1 - June 30, 2021, Navarro College distributed \$289,939 in Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs. A cumulative total of \$2,325,713 has been distributed in Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under CARES, CRRSAA, and ARP.

(4) The estimated total of 300 students at Navarro College are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs. This is the number of students for whom the institution has received a completed online application for these emergency financial aid grant funds.

(5) Navarro College distributed emergency financial aid grants to 211 students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.

(6) To determine which students received Emergency Financial Aid Grants, Navarro College established the following priorities listed on the [Student Aid Portion – Posted Date: April 9, 2021](#).

(7) Instructions, directions, and guidance provided by Navarro College to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants is listed in the Quarterly Public Reporting Requirement for (a) (1) Student Aid Portion section below.

Updated July 12, 2021 Emergency Financial Aid Grant Overview

Thanks to funding from the federal government, Navarro College will be able to offer emergency financial aid grants of \$3,000 in fall 2021 classes. The College seeks to prioritize emergency financial aid grants to full-time students impacted by the COVID-19. Criteria for priority students and the application process are listed below for both summer and fall terms.

FALL 2021 ELIGIBILITY

PRIORITY 1

- Have a high school credential or equivalent thereof
- Service Area (Navarro, Ellis, Limestone, Freestone and Leon counties) Resident
- Satisfactorily attending 15 semester credit hours or more for fall in an approved degree or certificate as of disbursement date

Priority will go to the following majors: Accounting, Ag Mechanization Technology, Biology, Business Information Technology, Chemistry, Child Development, Computer Information Technology, Education, Medical Front Office Professional, Medical Laboratory Technology, Paralegal, Physics, Pre-Engineering, Sociology, and Theatre

- Be in good Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standing according to Financial Aid
- Financial need that arose due to coronavirus and impacted by the student's costs of attendance or emergency costs such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care), or childcare
- Awards are based on the number of priority applicants and funding available
- \$3,000 award for fall term

FALL PRIORITY 2

- Satisfactorily attending 15 semester credit hours or more for fall in an approved degree or certificate as of disbursement date

- Financial need that arose due to coronavirus and impacted by the student's costs of attendance or emergency costs such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care), or childcare.
- Awards are based on the number of priority applicants and funding available
- \$2,500 award for fall term

FALL APPLICATION

Opens: Monday, August 9, 2021 | **Closes:** Friday, August 13, 2021

Fall 2021 CRRSA application **CLOSES**

Applications processed for award by priority

Notification of awards posted to student's college email account

Fall classes start

Disbursement date

Note: It takes 7-10 days to process

Bulldog Life Student Assistance Program awards start

SUMMER II ELIGIBILITY

PRIORITY 1

- Have a high school credential or equivalent thereof
- Service Area (Navarro, Ellis, Limestone, Freestone and Leon counties) Resident
- Satisfactorily attending (by disbursement date) 6 semester credit hours or more for summer II in an approved degree or certificate

Priority will go to the following majors: Accounting, Ag Mechanization Technology, Biology, Business Information Technology, Chemistry, Child Development, Computer Information Technology, Education, Medical Front Office Professional, Medical Laboratory Technology, Paralegal, Physics, Pre-Engineering, Sociology, and Theatre

- Be in good Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standing according to Financial Aid
- Financial need that arose due to coronavirus and impacted by the student's costs of attendance or emergency costs such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care), or childcare
- Awards are based on the number of priority applicants and funding available
- \$1,500 award for summer II term

PRIORITY 2

- Satisfactorily attending (by disbursement date) 6 semester credit hours or more for summer II in an approved degree or certificate
- Financial need that arose due to coronavirus and impacted the student's costs of attendance or emergency costs such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care), or childcare
- Awards are based on the number of priority applicants and funding available
- \$1,000 award for summer II term

SUMMER II APPLICATION

Opens: Monday, June 28, 2021 | **Closes:** Wednesday, July 7, 2021

Summer II CRRSA application **CLOSES**

Applications processed for award by priority

Notification of awards posted to student's college email account

Summer II classes start

Disbursement date

Note: It takes 7-10 days to process

Bulldog Life Student Assistance Program awards start

How do I apply for HEERF funds?

There are two ways to find out if you qualify for HEERF funds.

1. **Apply Online.** After completing the registration process, review the qualifications and apply online during the open periods stated above. Funds will depend on the number of priority applications and funding available.
2. **Contact Bulldog Life.** Students who need immediate assistance can visit [Bulldog Life](#) to find out about resources available to, including HEERF emergency aid. The program supports student success through intentional initiatives and all Navarro College students are eligible to apply. To apply, click on the [Student Assistance Program](#).

What if I have additional questions?

For all other questions regarding HEERF funds, email caresact@navarrocollege.edu.