

CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF): Student Portion

Total HEERF: \$75,972.00

Purpose:

“To provide emergency financial aid grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus.”¹ This includes but is not limited to the following expenses: food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and childcare.

Federal Eligibility Criteria:

Students who are or could be eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in the Title IV of Higher Education Act of 1965. ² This includes but is not limited to: U.S. citizenship or eligible noncitizen; a valid Social Security number; registration with Selective Service (if the student is male); a high school diploma, GED, or completion of high school in an approved homeschool setting.

Students who were enrolled exclusively online as of March 13, 2020 are not eligible for HEERF.

Students who lost Title IV eligible due to not meeting SAP standards prior to Spring 2020 semester are not eligible for HEERF.

Elim Bible Institute and College Responsibilities:

- Identify students who have incurred expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19. “Each institution may develop its own system and process for determining how to allocate these funds, which may include distributing the funds to all students or only to students who demonstrate significant need.”³
- Promptly distribute HEERF to students in accordance with federal and Elim Bible Institute and College HEERF eligibility criteria.
- Communicate to HEERF recipients the intended use of funds.
- Report use of HEERF to “the Secretary thirty (30) days from the date of the Certification and Agreement and every forty-five (45) days thereafter.”⁴
- Distribution will take place in the following waves:
 - HEERF recipients of less than \$1,000 will receive 100% of their funds the first week of May 2020.
 - HEERF recipients between \$1,000-\$2,000 will receive 50% of their funds the first week of May 2020 and the remaining 50% the week of August 31, 2020.
 - HEERF recipients greater than \$2,000 will receive \$1,000 of their funds the first week of May 2020, then the remaining amount of their funds the week of August 31, 2020.

¹ [Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund: Frequently Asked Questions](#)

² [Higher Education Act of 1965](#)

³ [The Secretary of Education letter to College and University Presidents](#)

⁴ [Recipient’s Funding Certification and Agreement: section 4\(c\)](#)

Elim Bible Institute and College Grant Eligibility Categories:

Full-time students have priority. Students taking at least 6 credits will also be considered for some HEERF.

- **Residency Change**

- *Eligibility justification:* Students who were required to find off-campus housing or live on campus due to the inability of moving in with their families as a result of the COVID-19 mandatory campus shut-down have acquired unforeseen living expenses. The HEERF will be used to compensate these unforeseen expenses based on the following criteria:
 - Independent students with no outside support based on financial information provided to the college, with the inability to move back home.
 - Dependent students who, due to various circumstance, could not move in with their families.
 - Only full-time students were considered, as residency change affected only full-time students.
- HEERF Amount: one time help in the amount of \$500

- **Continuing Education**

- *Eligibility justification:* Due to the disruption of study caused by COVID-19, students who will be continuing their education beyond the Spring 2020 semester have limited resources available to them to financially prepare for the upcoming school year. Several students typically would have been hired for Summer Crew or would be able to live on campus while getting a job in the area between academic years. These options have been eliminated due to COVID-19 restrictions. Therefore, the HEERF will be used to financially assist these students as they navigate how to financially prepare for the coming school year. Eligibility will be based on each students’ 2019-2020 Estimated Family Contribution as follows:
 - *Students who are eligible for Title IV funds but have not completed FAFSA and are continuing education receive a one-time HEERF of \$600.*

Estimated Family Contribution	Continued Education	HEERF Amount	Enrollment
\$0-\$999	Yes	\$2,150	Full-time
\$1,000-\$4,999	Yes	\$1,750	Full-time
\$5,000-\$9,999	Yes	\$1,300	Full-time
\$10,000-\$14,999	Yes	\$950	Full-time
\$15,000-\$19,999	Yes	\$697	Full-time
>\$20,000	Yes	\$325	Full-time
Any	Yes	\$600	>/=6 credits; not Full-time

- One time help to students who are not continuing education, but whose EFC is less than \$20,000: HEERF Amount \$200

Sources:

1. CARES Act: Section 18004(a)(1)⁵
2. CARES Act: Section 18004(c)
3. Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Frequently Asked Questions
4. Recipient's Funding Certification and Agreement
5. The Secretary of Education letter to College and University Presidents

⁵ [CARES Act Institution Allocations](#)