

# Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF)

## HEERF II - Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA)

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TCU Distributes \$2.8 million in Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF II) as authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA).

*HEERF II payments will support low-income undergraduate and graduate students*

TCU is directing \$2.8 million in funds from the Federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) to support over 1789 undergraduate and graduate students with high financial need. This money from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF II) is for high need students facing significant financial challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This one-time payment is determined based on the student's enrollment classification, hours enrolled and financial need as demonstrated on their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA). Grants range from \$750 to \$2,000 with the larger grants given to those students eligible for the federal Pell Grant or with an equivalent Expected Family Contribution (EFC). Federal guidelines require universities to give priority to students with high financial need.

Eligible students must be enrolled on the last day of class for the Spring 2021 term, have filed an official 2020-2021 FAFSA or TASFA, demonstrated an Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) between \$0 - \$10,000, an Annual Gross Income of \$ 65,000 or less and completed the federal verification process, if selected.

Students eligible to receive funding as part of HEERF II will receive direct notification from TCU. Funds will be distributed directly to students using Chase Bank's QuickPay® system. Chase Bank will send an email with instructions on how to access funds through Chase QuickPay® regardless of which bank used by the student.

These funds are intended to help TCU's most financially vulnerable students who continue to experience financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic. TCU recognizes that the pandemic continues to create a financial burden for students who do not necessarily qualify for federal aid. Students and families experiencing financial hardships should contact the [Office of Scholarships & Financial Aid](#) as there may be additional sources of funding available. If you have additional questions about the CRRSAA-HEERF II emergency relief fund, please see the [HEERF Frequently Asked Questions](#) or contact the [Office of Scholarships & Financial Aid](#).

# CRRSAA / HEERF II and American Rescue Plan (ARP) / HEERF III

## Student Grant Reporting

1. Texas Christian University acknowledges and accepts the terms of the Certification and Agreement of HEERF II funds grant notification received on April 15, 2021. Texas Christian University acknowledges and accepts the terms of the Certification and Agreement of HEERF III funds designated under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) grant notification received on June 8, 2021.
2. Texas Christian University received a HEERF II allocation under the CRRSAA (a)(1) program of \$ 2,864,321 under from the U.S. Department of Education for students. Texas Christian University received a HEERF III allocation under the ARP (a)(1) program of \$ 7,657,183 from the U.S. Department of Education for students. Texas Christian University received or will receive a total HEERF II & III allocation of \$10,521,504 from the U.S. Department of Education for students.
3. As of December 31, 2021, Texas Christian University has distributed \$2,858,500 in emergency grants under the CRRSAA program and \$ 5,833,750 through the ARP (a)(1) program as emergency grants to students of the University.
4. Texas Christian University had 10,908 students enrolled in Spring 2021, and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students for the initial selection process. Texas Christian University had 11,938 students enrolled in Fall 2021, and thus potentially eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students for the second selection process.
5. As of December 31, 2021, 1,789 students received Emergency Federal Aid Grants in the initial selection process and 3,824 students received grants in the second selection process.
6. Following the guidance from the U.S. Department of Education, funds received under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) programs are distributed to TCU students with the greatest demonstrated financial need and potential for financial hardship due to the ongoing pandemic. To be eligible during the initial selection process, students must have met the following criteria:
  - a. Enrolled on the last day of class for the Spring 2021 term
  - b. Had an official 2020-2021 FAFSA or TASFA
  - c. Demonstrated an EFC between \$0 - \$10,000
  - d. Annual Gross Income of \$ 65,000 or less

- e. Completed the federal verification process, if selected
- f. The amount awarded was based on the FAFSA Expected Family Contribution (EFC).
  - i. Pell Eligible students with an official EFC up to \$ 5,711
    - 1. \$2,000 if Full-time
    - 2. \$1,000 if Part-time
  - ii. Non-Pell Eligible students with an official EFC of \$0 to \$10,000
    - 1. 1,500 if Full-time
    - 2. \$ 750 for Part-time
  - iii. Graduate Students with an official EFC of \$0 to \$10,000
    - 1. \$ 750

To be eligible during the second selection process, students must meet the following criteria:

- a. Were currently enrolled for the Fall 2021 term at the time the funds were offered
  - b. Have an official 2021-2022 FAFSA or TASFA; or international and qualified for need-based aid
  - c. Demonstrated an Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) between \$0 - \$35,000 and an Annual Gross Income of \$175,000 or less
  - d. Priority funding is given to undergraduate students with high financial need and who have completed federal verification, if selected.
  - e. The amount awarded is based on the FAFSA Expected Family Contribution (EFC).
    - i. Pell Eligible (\$0 - \$5,846 EFC for 2021-2022 Aid Year)
      - 1. \$2,000 if Full-time
      - 2. \$1,000 if Part-time
    - ii. Non-Pell Eligible (\$0 - \$35,000 EFC for 2021-2022 Aid Year)
      - 1. 1,500 if Full-time
      - 2. \$ 750 for Part-time
    - iii. \$0 - \$35,000 EFC – (Incomplete Federal Verification)
      - 1. \$500 if Full-time
      - 2. \$250 for Part-time
    - iv. International Students qualified for need-based aid
      - 1. \$1,500 if Full-time
      - 2. \$750 for Part-time
    - v. Graduate Students (\$0 - \$35,000 EFC for 2021-2022 Aid Year)
      - 1. \$ 1,000
7. On June 4, 2021 and October 29, 2021 notifications were sent to the eligible students with information on how the funds would be distributed along with step-by-step instructions to obtain the funds. In addition, the University created [HEERF Frequently Asked Questions](#) link on our website to answer questions regarding the distribution of HEERF funds. Copies of the communications sent to eligible students will be provided upon request.

