

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Report - Financial Aid Grants to Students

Period Covering July 1, 2021 – September 30, 2021

Southeastern College received education stabilization funds under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP). This fund report applies to the student portion received under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund that is designated exclusively for emergency financial aid grants to students referred to as ARP (a)(4) or HEERF III.

The institution appreciates that Congress and the President have made these critical funds available for eligible students who have expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus pandemic. We take receipt of these federal funds seriously and are distributing them in accordance with the CARES 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") Electronic Announcements and Guidance.

(1) Southeastern College (OPEID's: 03123900, 03746400, 03555300, 03555400) signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used the applicable amount of funds designated under the HEERF III programs to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

(2) Southeastern College (OPEID 03123900) has received \$520,565 from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the ARP (a)(4) program.

Southeastern College – North Charleston (OPEID 03555400) has received \$175,990 from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the ARP (a)(4) program.

Southeastern College – Charlotte (OPEID 03555300) has received \$218,771 from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA program.

Southeastern College – Columbia (OPEID 03746400) has received \$117,477 from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA program.

(3) The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the ARP programs as of the date of submission is as follows:

- Southeastern College (OPEID 0312900) \$0

- Southeastern College – North Charleston (OPEID 03555400) \$0

- Southeastern College – Charlotte (OPEID 03555300) \$0

- Southeastern College – Columbia (OPEID 03746400) \$0

(4) The estimated total number of students at the institution that are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the HEERF III program is as follows:

- Southeastern College (OPEID 0312900) - TBD

- Southeastern College – North Charleston (OPEID 03555400) - TBD

- Southeastern College – Charlotte (OPEID 03555300) - TBD

- Southeastern College – Columbia (OPEID 03746400) - TBD

(5) The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under the HEERF III program is as follows:

- Southeastern College (OPEID 0312900) - 0

- Southeastern College – North Charleston (OPEID 03555400) - 0

- Southeastern College – Charlotte (OPEID 03555300) - 0

- Southeastern College – Columbia (OPEID 03746400) - 0

(6) The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under the HEERF III program.

Southeastern College has adopted a flexible approach to administering emergency grants to students negatively impacted by the COVID-19 economic crisis. In creating this policy, the Institution seeks to achieve five goals:

- To expeditiously develop and implement a plan to distribute CARES Act funds to Southeastern College students.
- To adhere to CARES/CRRSAA/ARP Act requirements and Department of Education interpretive guidance in distributing funds.
- To create a process for awarding of funds that is defensible, replicable, and equitable – a process which will stand up to predictable future scrutiny (auditors, legislators, media, etc.).
- To distribute funds in a manner that best ensures student support in light of COVID-19 and economic challenges.
- To utilize existing processes and automate the awarding, distribution, and tracking process to the greatest degree possible.

Eligibility

Title IV (federal financial aid) Status

Only students who are or could be eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), may receive emergency financial aid grants. If a student has filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), then the student has demonstrated this portion of eligibility. Students who have not filed a FAFSA must do so before applying for a SEC CARES Act grant; this application may be submitted online. The criteria to participate in programs under Section 484 of the HEA include but are not limited to the following: U.S. citizenship or eligible noncitizen; a valid Social Security number; registration with Selective Service (if the student is male); and a high school diploma, GED, or completion of high school in an approved homeschool setting. To determine eligibility, follow this link.

(7) Students will automatically receive emergency grant funds via check or direct deposit, depending on the preference indicated at registration. Students receiving the funds will receive an email to their student email account informing them of the award amount.