

NEIU CRRSAA/HEERF II Act Student Emergency Grant Frequently Asked Questions

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Enacted December, 2020 federal [CRRSAA Act](#) provides money to colleges and universities for emergency student grants. The purpose of the money is to award emergency financial aid grants to students for specific expenses that are a direct result of the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus.

Q: Am I eligible for HEERF II funding?

A: Student Emergency Grants will be awarded to students who were enrolled at the census date for the spring, 2021 semester (January 25, 2021). Students enrolled exclusively in online courses are eligible for CRRSAA funding. Unfortunately, the U.S. Department of Education will not allow these grants to be allocated to international or undocumented students.

Q: Do I need to apply for HEERF II funding?

A: No, students do not need to apply for CRRSAA funding. Eligible students will receive CRRSAA funds through an automated process which does not require an application. Those who have already signed up for direct deposit will receive their grants faster than those who will be mailed checks. Please make sure your mailing address in NEIUport is up to date. (To set up an electronic payment account, please log into NEIUport and access the Student tab. Locate the link for "Payment/Refund" and then follow the instructions to create an electronic payment account.)

Q: What is the best way for me to receive the HEERF II funding?

A: The best way to receive this funding is via direct deposit. If you do not already have an electronic refund account created please do so by logging into [NEIUport](#), navigating to the Student tab, then find the Payment/Refund link on the left side of the page and follow the prompts.

Q: When will I receive the HEERF II funding?

A: At this time NEIU staff are working remotely and completing all processes necessary to send

Q: Will the HEERF II funding be applied to my outstanding balance or possibly to my account balance for a previous term?

A: No, the HEERF II funding will be reflected as a credit to students' accounts, then refunded directly to students. These funds will not be used to pay student account charges for the current term or any previous terms.

Q: Will the HEERF II funding impact or change my current financial aid eligibility or reduce my loans that I have already received?

A: No, although the HEERF II funding is in the form of a federal grant it has no impact and is separate from any eligibility currently or scheduled to be received by way of the FAFSA.

Q: Does it matter whether I am an undergraduate or graduate student?

A: No, both undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in a degree seeking program at the point of the spring, 2021 census (January 25, 2021) are eligible for HEERF II funding.

Q. I have not yet been admitted to a degree program. Instead I am taking classes as a Student At-Large. Do I qualify for HEERF II Funding?

A: No, HEERF II funding is limited to degree seeking enrolled students for spring, 2021.