

In compliance with the U.S. Department of Education, Northern is required to share the following consumer information regarding its distribution of CRRSAA funding. If you have further questions, please contact the Financial Aid Office at [finaid@nnmc.edu](mailto:finaid@nnmc.edu)

## **CRRSAA/HEERF II Report Quarter Ending June 30, 2021**

### **Final reporting**

On January 14, 2021, The U.S. Department of Education announced additional funding will be available to higher education institutions to ensure learning continues for students during the pandemic. Northern New Mexico College (NNMC) was notified and received funds for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under Section 18002(a)(1) of CRRSAA.

NNMC received \$525,781 from the Department of Education to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under the CRRSAA Act (HEERF II). As of April 26, 2021, NNMC has distributed 100% of the Emergency Financial Aid Grants directly to students.

NNMC determined that all students, with the exception of international and undocumented students, who are degree seeking and were registered for classes at the census date (February 8, 2021) for the Spring 2021 semester will receive HEERF II funds. Amounts each student received was based on their Expected Family Contribution (EFC) and credit load.

The total number of students who were awarded and received Emergency Financial Aid Grants under HEERF II was 690.

No application was necessary for students to receive the distribution of Emergency Financial Aid Grants under HEERF II. To award the funds NNMC looked at all eligible student's credit load and EFC. Awards ranged from \$300 to \$860.

A copy of the information and guidance concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students to the students is below.

**Dear Northern Students,**

**On December 27, 2020 the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CARRSAA) was signed in into law authorizing a second round of Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF II). Northern is preparing to distribute this funding to eligible students and wanted to share the following FAQ's so you can better understand how these funds will impact you.**

**Q: How does the CARRSAA Act Impact College Students?**

**A: The CARRSAA Act provides colleges with funds to be distributed directly to current eligible students for any component of the student's cost of attendance (COA); or emergency costs that arise due to Coronavirus, such as but not limited to tuition, food, housing, health care, mental health care, or child care.**

**Q: Who is eligible for the CARRSAA/HEERF II funds?**

**A: Students who meet basic eligibility criteria for federal financial aid can be considered for these funds. Under U.S. Department of Education rules for the program, these funds can be awarded to students enrolled at Northern and are pursuing degree programs.**

**Unfortunately, the U.S. Department of Education does not allow these funds to be issued to international students or undocumented students.**

**Q: How did Northern determine who would receive the HEERF II funds?**

**A: Northern has determined that all students, with the exception of international and undocumented students, who are degree seeking and were registered for classes at the census date (February 8, 2021) for the Spring 2021 semester will receive HEERF II funds.**

**Q: How much will each eligible student receive in HEERF II funds?**

**A: Federal guidelines required that students with exceptional need should have priority to the HEERF II funds, therefore the fund amounts vary. The amount each student receives will be based on course load and the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).**

**Q: When will I receive my HEERF II funds?**

**A: Student who are receiving HEERF II funds and have direct deposit in place will receive their funds by April 26, 2021. If you do not have direct deposit in place a check will be mailed to the current address on file with Northern, on April 28, 2021.**

**Q: Why wouldn't I receive a HEERF II funds?**

**A: Students who are international, undocumented or not enrolled in a degree program (including Dual Credit students) will not receive HEERF II funds.**

**Q: Will HEERF II funds be Applied to Outstanding Balances on my Student Account?**

**A: No, these grants will not be applied to outstanding balances on student accounts. Any balance on your student account will still need to be paid in full.**