

In compliance with the U.S. Department of Education, Northern is required to share the following consumer information regarding its distribution of CARES Act funding. If you have further questions, please contact the Financial Aid Office at finaid@nmmc.edu

ARP/HEERF III Report Quarter Ending September 30, 2021

On March 11, 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 ARP.

NNMC received \$1,716,877.00 from the Department of Education to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under ARP (HEERF III). As of this report, NNMC has distributed \$854,200, 49.75% of the Emergency Financial Aid Grants directly to students.

NNMC divided the HEERF III funds into two disbursements, the first disbursement eligibility was based on a student being degree seeking and registered for classes at the end of the Spring 2021 semester. The second disbursement eligibility was based on a student being degree seeking and registered for classes as of the census date (September 3, 2021) of the Fall 2022 semester. Amounts each student received was based on their Expected Family Contribution (EFC) and credit load.

The total number of students receive the first disbursement was 838. As of the time of this report the number of students who will be awarded the second disbursement had not yet been determined.

No application was necessary for students to receive the distribution of Emergency Financial Aid Grants under HEERF III. To award the funds NNMC will review at all eligible student's credit load and EFC. Awards amounts for the first disbursement ranged from \$625 to \$1,150. Award amounts for the second disbursement have not yet been determined.

Information and guidance concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants that was distributed to students for the first disbursement is below. Information and guidance concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants will be distributed to students once the second disbursement is finalized.

First Disbursement

Dear Northern Students,

On March 11, 2021 the American Rescue Plan (ARP) was signed in into law authorizing a third round of Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF III). 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 ARP Impact College Students?

A: The ARP 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 ARP/HEERF III 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 including international students and undocumented students.

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

A: Northern has determined that all students, with the exception Dual Credit, who were registered and completed the Spring 2021 semester will receive HEERF III funds.

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

A: Federal guidelines required that students with exceptional need should have priority to the HEERF III 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 III funds?

A: Student who are receiving HEERF II funds and have direct deposit in place will receive their funds by August 27, 2021. If you do not have direct deposit in place a check will be mailed to the current address on file with Northern, on September 3, 2021.

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

A: Students who are Non-Degree attending less than half time and Dual Credit students will not receive HEERF III funds.

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

A: Yes, IF the student replied to the institution by the August 10, 2021 deadline giving NNMC permission to have the funds applied to their accounts. All other students, the funds will not be applied to outstanding balances on their student accounts. Any balance on your student account will still need to be paid in full.