



As part of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) Jackson College received \$1,946,067 in funding through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES), an additional \$1,946,067 under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) and \$6,853,673 under the American Recovery Program (ARP) to be used to provide emergency grants to students. These funds can be used for costs associated with attending college or for emergency costs that arise due to the coronavirus. These costs include items such as tuition and fees, food, housing, course materials, medical and mental health care, or childcare.

For the quarter ending 9/30/2021 the college distributed \$1,116,650 in emergency funds to 1,044 students.

## **Grant overview**

- HEERF funds require that institutions prioritize students with exceptional need, such as students eligible to receive Federal Pell Grants, when awarding HEERF funds. However, students do not have to be eligible to receive Federal Pell Grants to receive HEERF funds.
- Jackson College will, each semester, award grants in two phases.
- Award continuation will depend on availability of funds.

## **Phase One Eligibility Requirements**

- Must be enrolled in the semester currently being awarded.
- Must have a FAFSA on file for the aid year that includes the semester being awarded.
- Must have an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) up to 11,000.
- Must be a High School graduate or GED.
- Students will be contacted by JC email and JetStream if they are eligible for these funds.

## **Phase Two Eligibility Requirements**

- Students who do not receive an award based on an EFC less than \$11,000 may apply for Emergency assistance by completing the **[Emergency Assistance Request Form](#)**.

- Must be enrolled in the semester they are requesting funds for.
- Must be a High School graduate or GED
- Must have incurred expenses related to higher education or emergency costs associated with the Coronavirus pandemic.
- Students will be contacted by JC email if they are approved for these funds.
- Department of Education guidelines allow eligibility for these grants to students who are refugees, asylum seekers, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) recipients, other DREAMers, and similar undocumented students.
- Corrections Education Program (CEP) students would not typically have expenses eligible for the grant. However, if a CEP Student is released as a result of the coronavirus, remains enrolled as a student in the program under the Second Chance Pell experiment, and has eligible expenses, he or she may be eligible.

## Distribution of funds

Awards will vary from \$800 to \$2,000 per semester based on need and enrollment level. Students awarded with an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) up to 11,00 or students that are awarded based on an application and enrolled at the following levels will receive:

Credit Hours	Award Amount
1-5	\$800
6-8	\$1000
9-11	\$1,250
12 or more	\$1,500

- Emergency Assistance Grants will be issued a refund via a paper check or eCheck (if signed up for eChecks) unless student has opted to apply the Emergency Assistance Grant to their outstanding account balance.
  - Phase I students will receive (via email and JetStream) a link to an approval form if they wish to apply the grant to their outstanding account balance.

- Students applying for an Emergency Assistance Grant during Phase II can elect to apply the grant to their outstanding account balance via the application form.
- Awarded funds will disburse after the add/drop date of a student's first course.
- Students should expect to receive funds 10 days after funds are disbursed to their student account.
- We encourage students to sign up for e-Checks to receive their funds more quickly.