

Coronavirus Aid, Relief & Economic Security Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund

Glennville State College has been awarded \$1,440,768 in Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF) from the U.S. Department of Education via the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). These funds will be awarded in two equal installments. The first installment is to be awarded directly to students. The second installment is for expenses incurred by the institution directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

HEERF – Funding for Students

After signing the required Certification and Agreement and completing the formal application process for the U.S. Department of Education on April 13, 2020, the first installment of \$720,384 was available for draw down on April 28, 2020. This amount is intended to directly assist students with financial need stemming from COVID-19 related disruption of campus operations, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, child care, medical and travel expense. The full amount of the first installment is being distributed to eligible students. As of May 11, 2020, \$667,000 had been drawn down for eligible students.

To be eligible for the CARES Act Grant, a student must have been enrolled and actively participating in the spring semester as of March 13, 2020 and must be **eligible for Title IV aid**. To determine Title IV eligibility, students must have submitted a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2019-2020 academic year. Students enrolled in exclusively online programs as of March 13th are not eligible.

Students who met the eligibility requirements were awarded a one-time emergency grant of either \$1,250 (eligible residential students who did not return to campus after March 13) or \$250 (eligible residential students who remained on campus and eligible commuters). An estimated 757 students have been awarded the emergency grant at this time. Additional grant funds are available for students who have incurred hardships as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic (in addition to the emergency grant they have received so far). As such, students have been encouraged to submit an application for an additional hardship grant award at <https://futurepioneers.online/HEERF>.

Grants are being distributed to the students via credit checks or direct deposit if the student has signed up for direct deposit.

HEERF – Institutional Funds

After signing the second Certification and Agreement and completing the formal application process for the U.S. Department of Education on April 27, 2020, the second installment is expected to be received later in May, 2020. These funds are intended to cover any institutional costs associated with significant changes related to the delivery of instruction due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This information is based on the latest guidance from the U.S. Department of Education and is subject to change if new guidance becomes available.

Glenville State College is required to report to the U.S. Department of Education the number of students awarded 30 days from the date of signing the first Certification and Agreement and then every 45 days thereafter until the funds are depleted.

Number of CARES Act Grants awarded per reporting date

Total number of students awarded	Total amount awarded	Reporting Date
757	\$667,000	May 13, 2020
		June 27, 2020
		August 11, 2020
		September 25, 2020

PLEASE NOTE: In addition to the CARES Act Grant application, if students have experienced a significant reduction in household income due to a job loss/furlough, you may request a Professional Judgment from the Financial Aid Office. Please contact the Financial Aid Office at 304-462-6170.