

HEERF II Student Application and Information

On December 27, 2020, the President signed the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) (P.L. 116-260). This new law gives the U.S. Department of Education, through the Higher Education Relief Fund (**HEERF II**) funds to distribute to institutions of higher education in order to help with the “exceptional needs” brought on by the disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

FCIM defines “exceptional need” as having encountered significant barriers to academic success as the result of the Coronavirus pandemic.

Eligibility

- Students must have been enrolled in the college on or after December 27, 2020.
- Must meet the above definition of “exceptional need”.
- Unlike the CARES Act grant in 2020, FAFSA’s do not need to be completed for eligibility purposes and international students are not restricted from applying for this grant.

Use of Funds

HEERF II awards must be used for any part of their cost of attendance such as tuition, food, housing, education materials, health care (including mental health care) and childcare as well as other living expenses.

The student has the option to consent to use either all or a portion of the grant toward any account balances owed the school. (The form for this will be available when the application for the grant is approved.)

Repayment of Grant

This is a grant and does not have to be repaid.

Taxes on Grant Funds

These funds are not considered taxable income.

To Apply for the Grant

Follow this link: www.fcim.edu/heerfii , fill out the form and submit.

Notification of Approval

We expect to notify approved applicants via email with the eligible amount no later than Friday June 4, 2021.

Disbursement of Grants

Grants will be mailed to your home address that we have on file. (Please be sure to verify your address on Webconnect; and if it is incorrect please go to the www.fcim.edu website under “Forms” and update it.)