

## **HEERF II Student Application and Information – Fall 2021**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: 5PM EST, Friday, October 29, 2021**

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 “**exceptional needs**” brought on by the disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

### **Eligibility**

- Applicant must have been enrolled in FCIM **continuously** between July 26, 2021 and October 29, 2021.
- Applicant must meet the above definition of “**exceptional need**”.
- 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 the cost of attendance or emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus 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 to complete the application. Completed application must be submitted no later than **5 P.M. EST, Friday, October 29, 2021.**

### **Notification of Approval**

We expect to notify approved applicants via email with the eligible amount on or around November 12, 2021.

### **Disbursement of Grants**

The school will notify you when the grant checks are available to pick up.