

CARES ACT REPORTING

UPDATED: As of March 31, 2021

HEERF II Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

The recently passed Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act includes a Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) that was set up to provide over \$14 billion in emergency funding to higher education. More than \$6 billion of this funding must go directly to students as emergency financial aid grants for expenses they have incurred relating to the disruption of campus operations due to the COVID-19.

Certification and Agreement Acknowledgement:

Shorter University acknowledges that a signed Certification and Agreement was submitted to the Department of Education on April 9, 2020. This agreement indicated our commitment and assurance that Shorter University would use no less than 50% of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

Funds Received per the HEERF II Grant:

Shorter University applied for and received a total of \$604,040 for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds for students grants. The funds were received on January 17, 2021.

Distributed Grants:

As of March 31, 2021 \$594,500.00 of the HEERF II student grants have been distributed to students.

Grants Awarded:

1,060 students were eligible to receive an Emergency Financial Aid Grant received a grant.

Distribution Methodology:

To Determine the distribution method for the HEERF II Grants, priority was given to students that a high need based on their Estimated Family Contribution (EFC). All students received a grant to assist with living expenses and technology.

Student Classification	Grant Amount
Living Expenses	\$200.00
Technology Expenses	\$100.00
High Need Students received an additional amount based on their EFC	Up to \$350.00 based on chart below
a. \$0-\$5,606	\$350.00
b. \$5,607-\$11,212	\$250.00
c. \$11,213-\$14,999	\$150.00
d. \$15,000 and above	\$0

Student Information and Guidance:

The following email was sent to all qualifying students on March 2, 2021 to inform students about the upcoming disbursement:

Dear Student,

This is a Reminder to log into Scholar and complete the survey. If you have already completed the survey in Scholar disregard this email.

Please Log into your Scholar Account. There will be a banner notification at the top once logging in. Follow the link to COVID Emergency Grant money information. Please select from the options if you would like the money to be applied to your student account balance or if you would like to receive a refund from the grant money.

By clicking YES, you are opting to have the grant money applied to your account balance.

By clicking NO, you are opting to have the grant money issued as a refund to you.

This link will only be available NOW through Friday, March 12th at 5pm.

If you have not already done so, please be sure to sign up for E-Refund through your Scholar Account. This is the fastest and easiest way to receive any refunds you are granted. You can sign up for E-refund under the "Pay My Bill" Tab in Scholar. Simply follow the instructions to sign-up.

Checks will be mailed to the address on file and will not be available for pick-up at the Business Office. Please make sure your address is correct or sign up for E-Refund!

If you have any questions, please contact the Business Office at businessoffice@shorter.edu or 706-233-7222.

Sincerely,

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