



SCC Financial Aid Office Update: America Rescue Plan Act (ARP)

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The America Rescue Plan Act, a Federal Law enacted by Congress on March 11th, 2021, provides supplemental funds to assist students in need during the pandemic. This assistance is known as the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III). Spartanburg Community College (SCC) regular curriculum students enrolled in the 2021 fall semester who meet the qualifications below, will receive a disbursement from the HEERF III funds. If the student has set up direct deposit with the College, the funds will be sent to the designated account. Students not on direct deposit will be mailed a physical check which will have a stale date of 30 days. Should you have questions please use the contact information below.

For qualification questions, contact: (864) 592-4180 or FA-Questions@sccsc.edu

For disbursement questions, contact: (864) 592-4665 (leave message) or BusinessOffice@sccsc.edu

Q: Who qualifies for the CARES Act Funds?

A: To be eligible for a HEERF III disbursement you must meet all the following criteria:

- 1) You must have been enrolled in curriculum courses during the 2021 fall semester.
- 2) You must be a regular curriculum student. You cannot be a dual enrollment student.

Students who are **NOT** eligible for HEERF II include but are not limited to:

- Dual enrollment students are not eligible.
- Students who were not enrolled during the 2021 fall semester or who dropped all their classes during the drop/add period

Q: How and when will I receive the disbursement?

A: Students who already have direct deposit established with the College will receive their supplemental funds by direct deposit and if not, a check will be mailed to the address you have listed on your SCC record, at the College. Disbursement of the funds should occur the week of November 29th, 2021.

Q: How can I use the disbursement?

A: According to the U.S. Department of Education, HEERF III can be used for expenses related to the cost of college attendance such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and childcare. The HEERF regulations do not require you submit documentation of how the funds were used, but it is highly advisable you document how you spent the funds and keep any receipts for future reference.

Q: How do I know how much I will be awarded?

A: The per credit hour rates for the 2021 fall and 2022 spring terms are listed below. The credit hours used are the credit hours you were enrolled in as of the census date of the term.

2021 Fall Term	
Awarded a Pell Grant for the 21-22 award year and EFC is equal to zero.	775
DACA Students	75
Not awarded a Pell Grant for the 21-22 award year and EFC is equal to zero.	70
Awarded a Pell Grant for the 21-22 Award year and EFC is between 1 to 5846	65
Not awarded a Pell Grant for the 21-22 Award year and EFC is between 1 to 5846	60
Not awarded a Pell Grant and EFC is greater than 5846 and family income is \$120,000 or less	55
Not awarded a Pell Grant and EFC is greater than 5846 and family income is greater than \$120,000	50
No EFC	45

2022 Spring Term	
Awarded a Pell Grant for the 21-22 award year and EFC is equal to zero.	85
DACA Students	85
Not awarded a Pell Grant for the 21-22 award year and EFC is equal to zero.	82
Awarded a Pell Grant for the 21-22 Award year and EFC is between 1 to 5846	77
Not awarded a Pell Grant for the 21-22 Award year and EFC is between 1 to 5846	70
Not awarded a Pell Grant and EFC is greater than 5846 and family income is \$120,000 or less	60
Not awarded a Pell Grant and EFC is greater than 5846 and family income is greater than \$120,000	55
No EFC	50

Q: Will my disbursement be applied towards any outstanding balances I may still owe the College?

A: These funds can be applied towards any outstanding balance you have for the 2021 fall term **IF** you completed and submit a HEERF III Balance Due Authorization form. If you have a 2021 fall balance, you should have received an email providing you with a link to the form. If you did not receive an email you can go to <https://www.sccsc.edu/financial-aid/apply-FA/forms.php>. The form will be under the section titled Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF). You can use the online or pdf version. If you use the pdf version, you will need to bring the completed form to the Financial Aid Office. The form must be received by the close of business on November 29th, 2021. If you do not sign and return the opt in form, your balance due **WILL NOT** be paid using HEERF III. Please note you can pay any balance due from any previous term on your own using the HEERF III monies you receive. You are not required to sign the authorization form to be eligible for HEERF III funds, but it may help you eliminate any debt you have from the 2021 fall term which may be preventing you from enrolling in future terms.

Q: Will I be required to pay this money back?

A: No, these are emergency assistance funds, and you will not be required to pay them back.