



## **SCC Financial Aid Office Update: Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA)**

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The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, a Federal Law enacted by Congress on December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020, provides supplemental funds to assist students in need during the pandemic. This assistance is known as the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II). Spartanburg Community College (SCC) curriculum students enrolled in either the 2020 fall semester or the 2021 spring semester who meet the qualifications below, will receive a disbursement of the HEERF II. If the student has set up direct deposit with the College, the funds will be sent to that 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@scsc.edu](mailto:FA-Questions@scsc.edu)

**For disbursement questions, contact:** (864) 592-4665 (leave message) or [BusinessOffice@scsc.edu](mailto:BusinessOffice@scsc.edu)

### **Q: Who qualifies for the CARES Act Funds?**

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

- 1) You must have been enrolled in curriculum courses in either the 2020 fall semester or the 2021 spring semester at SCC.
- 2) You must have completed a 2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and SCC must have received the results of your FAFSA prior to the end of the 2021 spring semester (April 28, 2021).
- 3) You must have has an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) calculated by the U.S. Department of education.
- 4) If your EFC is equal to or above 10,000, you must also have a Family Total Income below \$100,000.
- 5) 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
- Students who have not completed a 2020-2021 FAFSA
- Students who do not have a calculated EFC
- Students with an EFC equal to or greater than 10,000 and a total family income of \$100,000 or more

### **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 May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

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

A: The amount you will be awarded will be based on the total number of credit hours you were enrolled in for both the 2020 fall and 2021 spring semesters combined. That number will then be multiplied by the Per Credit Hour Rate chart below based on the Condition category you fall within.

Condition	Per Credit Hour Rate
Student has been awarded a Pell Grant at SCC for the 20-21 award year and their EFC is equal to zero	\$45.00
Student has NOT been awarded a Pell Grant at SCC for the 20-21 award year and their EFC is equal to zero	\$40.00
Student has been awarded a Pell Grant at SCC for the 20-21 award year and their EFC is GREATER than zero	\$30.00
Student has NOT been awarded a Pell Grant at SCC for the 20-21 award year and their EFC is between 1 and 9999	\$20.00
Student has NOT been awarded a Pell Grant at SCC for the 20-21 award year and their EFC is greater than 10,000	\$15.00

**Q: How can I use the disbursement?**

A: According to the U.S. Department of Education, HEERF II can be used for expenses related to the cost of college attendance such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care. 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: 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 spring term, IF you completed and submitted a CRRSAA: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF II) Spring 2021 Balance Payment Opt In Form. If you had a 2021 spring balance, you would have received an email providing you with a link to the form. If you did not sign and return the opt in form, your balance due WILL NOT be paid using HEERF II. Please note you can pay any balance due on your own from any term using the HEERF II monies you receive. This is certainly not required, but may help you eliminate any debt you have with SCC.

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

A: No, this is emergency assistance funds and you will not be required to pay it back.