



CRRSAA/ HEERF II Emergency Grants to Students

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) was signed into law on December 27, 2020. One section of the CRRSAA established the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) and allocated funds to colleges and universities to use for emergency grants to students for expenses that arise due to coronavirus.

On January 17, 2021, the U.S. Department of Education notified Lees-McRae College of the amount of funding available for HEERF II grants. The CRRSAA requires that institutions prioritize students with *exceptional need*, such as students who receive Pell Grants, when awarding HEERF II grants.

1. The total amount of funds allocated to Lees-McRae College for HEERF II grants is \$462,828.
2. Lees-McRae College distributed HEERF II grants to Pell Grant eligible students who have a valid 2020-21 FAFSA on file, with an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) in the 0 – 5711 range.
3. The total number of eligible students (Pell Grant recipients) enrolled at Lees-McRae College for the spring 2021 semester is 302.
4. A total of 207 main campus Pell Grant eligible students were awarded a total of \$378,336 in HEERF II grants. Grant amounts vary by students based on the results of their 2020–21 FAFSA (Expected Family Contribution – EFC) and range from \$2,052 to \$1,032.
5. A total of 95 distance education Pell Grant eligible students were awarded a total of \$84,492 in HEERF II grants. Grant amounts vary by students based on the results of their 2020–21 FAFSA (Expected Family Contribution – EFC) and range from \$1,000 to \$280.
6. Students were notified via campus email on Monday, March 8 of the source of the grants and their specific grant amount. Funds were disbursed to students on Friday, March 12 via direct deposit or paper check.
7. As of March 12, all funding (\$462,828) has been distributed to eligible students.