

## FAQs for Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund(HEERF I)

What is the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund(HEERF I) and how was the allocation to CACC determined?

On March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a national emergency concerning the COVID-19 outbreak and signed into law the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act on March 27, 2020. IT-3 (g)0 T Vg 12.12n8()

The US Department of Education deadline for filing a 2020 FAFSA is June 30, 2020; however, CACC must expend all funds within one year from execution of the Funding Certification and Agreement for the HEERF grant funds for students. Based on this timeline, students wishing to be considered for HEERF grant funds must complete the FAFSA and include CACC on the FAFSA no later than June 17, 2020.

**Is there a deadline to apply?**

To ensure consideration for HEERF grant funds, students must have completed the 2020 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) no later than June 17, 2020.

If you have already completed the FAFSA for the 2020 academic year and listed Central Alabama Community College on the FAFSA, you will receive consideration for the HEERF grant funds.

**How much can I expect to receive?**

While realizing every eligible student, with the exception of exclusively online course taking students, enrolled for the Spring 2020 was impacted from transitioning to an 100% online instructional delivery method, CACC recognizes students with large enrollment loads would experience a greater expense in transitioning to remote online instruction. Taking this into consideration, CACC established funding tiers based on enrollment/participation status as of March 13, 2020 and a three phase award distribution process as outlined in the Report on Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF I).

**How will I be notified of my award status?**

Student award notification letters will accompany the processed check and will include eligibility criteria used by the College, the award distribution methodology, a series of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), and a link to the CACC website where the required Department of Education report is posted.

Additional communication will be managed through the student's CACC email account, text messaging, and by telephone.

**How will these funds be disbursed?**

CACC established funding tiers based on student enrollment/participation status as of March 13, 2020 and a three phase award distribution process as outlined in the Report on Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF I).

Actual award distributions will be made via check delivered through the U.S. Postal Service to the last identified address available in the student's admission record. Address information can be verified by logging in to your MyCACC student account.

**Can CACC apply the HEERF award to my student account to pay outstanding balances?**

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