

CARES Act: HEERF I
As of December 31, 2020

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC) received \$9,513,779 based on Section 18004(a) of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) created as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). In addition, UTC also received \$467,018 from Section 18004(a)(2) as part of the Act's Strengthening Institutions Program (SIP). No less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act will be used to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

UTC CARES Act: HEERF I Quick Facts (as of December 31, 2020)

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| Total Funding | \$9,980,797 |
| Funding Available to Students | \$4,756,890 |
| Funding Disbursed to Students | \$4,756,890 |
| Title IV Students Eligible for CARES Act Funding (as of Spring 2020 term) | 8,229 |
| Student Block Grant Award Recipients | 4,642 |
| Student Emergency Fund Recipients | 495 |
| Total Block Grant and Emergency Fund Student Recipients (with duplication) | 5,137 |

Student Block Grant Awards

The University distributed funds to eligible students through Block Grant Awards on May 1, 2020. The Block Grant Awards were not applied to outstanding balances on student MyMocsNet accounts. Student eligibility for the Block Grant Award was limited to students enrolled in the Spring 2020 semester who met the following criteria:

- Students had to be eligible for Title IV aid as determined by the 2019-2020 FAFSA. This included meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards and resolving any outstanding eligibility requirements from the FAFSA.
- Students must not have been enrolled in a program that was conducted exclusively online as of March 13, 2020. Students whose program was not exclusively online, but who were enrolled in all online Spring 2020 courses as of March 13, 2020, were not eligible for a Block Grant Award but were entitled to apply for aid through the Student Emergency Fund process outlined below.

The University determined eligibility for the Block Grant Awards. Students did not have to complete a separate application to receive them. Eligible students received the following awards based on their Expected Family Contribution (EFC) range:

| Group | EFC Range | Award |
|------------------------|--------------|---------|
| Undergraduate Students | 0-5,576 | \$1,000 |
| Undergraduate Students | 5,577-15,000 | \$650 |
| Graduate Students | 0-1,000 | \$300 |

Student Emergency Fund

The University made additional funds available from the HEERF through the existing [Student Emergency Fund](#). Students were eligible to [apply](#) for these additional emergency funds for the following reasons, on an as-needed basis, if they have been impacted by the coronavirus pandemic, are Title IV aid eligible, and are not enrolled in a program that is exclusively online:

- Essential academic needs (e.g. books and supplies);
- Replacement of lost personal items due to the coronavirus pandemic;
- Housing needs (e.g. securing short-term housing, security deposits, assistance with utilities, etc.);
- One-time / non-recurring medical expenses;
- Emergency expenses related to dependents (e.g. childcare); or
- Other allowable expenses outlined by the CARES Act and any subsequent allowable expense guidance offered by the U.S. Department of Education.

The additional funds from the HEERF added to the Student Emergency Fund have been fully expended. However, the University's traditional Student Emergency Fund is still available to students in need through the application process.

CRRSAA: HEERF II As of June 30, 2021

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC) received \$15,131,381 based on Section 18004(a) of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) created as part of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA). In addition, UTC also received \$645,680 from Section 18004(a)(2) as part of the Act's Strengthening Institutions Program (SIP). No less than \$4,756,890 of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CRRSAA will be used to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

UTC CRRSAA: HEERF II Quick Facts (as of September 30, 2021)

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| Total Funding | \$15,131,381 |
| Funding Available to Students | \$6,635,890 |
| Funding Disbursed to Students | \$6,627,910 |
| Students Eligible for HEERF II Funding (as of Spring 2021 term) | 10,534 |
| Student Block Grant Award Recipients | 4,819 |
| Student Emergency Fund Recipients | 1,020 |
| Total Block Grant and Emergency Fund Student Recipients (with duplication) | 5,839 |

Student Block Grant Awards

The University distributed funds to eligible students through Block Grant Awards on February 17, 2021. The Block Grant Awards were not applied to outstanding balances on student MyMocsNet accounts. Student eligibility for the Block Grant Award was limited to students enrolled in the Spring 2021 semester.

The University determined eligibility for the Block Grant Awards. Students did not have to complete a separate application to receive them. Eligible students received the following awards based on their Expected Family Contribution (EFC) range:

| Group | EFC Range | Award |
|------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Undergraduate Students | 0-5,711 | \$1,150 |
| Undergraduate Students | 5,712-15,000 | \$750 |
| Graduate Students | 0-1,000 | \$345 |

Student Emergency Fund

The University made additional funds available from the HEERF II through the existing [Student Emergency Fund](#). Students were eligible to [apply](#) for these additional emergency funds for the following reasons, on an as-needed basis, if they have been impacted by the coronavirus pandemic:

- Essential academic needs (e.g. books and supplies);
- Housing needs (e.g. securing short-term housing, security deposits, utilities assistance, etc.) as a result of the coronavirus pandemic;
- One-time / non-recurring medical expenses;
- Emergency expenses related to dependents (e.g. childcare);
- Other allowable expenses outlined by the CARES Act and any subsequent guidance offered by the U.S. Department of Education.
- Student account balances.

ARP: HEERF III

As of September 30, 2021

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC) received \$26,626,600 based on Section 18004(a) of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III) America Rescue Plan (ARP) created in addition to the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) and the Coronavirus Aid, Recovery, and Economic (CARES) Act. No less than \$13,372,365 of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the ARP will be used to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

UTC ARP: HEERF III Quick Facts (as of September 30, 2021)

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| Total Funding | \$26,626,600 |
| Funding Available to Students | \$13,372,365 |
| Funding Disbursed to Students | \$11,224,763 |
| Students Eligible for HEERF III Funding (as of Fall 2021 term) | 11,496 |
| Student Block Grant Award Recipients | 11,495 |
| Student Emergency Fund Recipients | 440 |
| Total Block Grant and Emergency Fund Student Recipients (with duplication) | 11,935 |

Student Block Grant Awards

The University will distribute funds to eligible students through Block Grant Awards. The Block Grant Awards will not be applied to outstanding balances on student accounts. Student eligibility for the Block Grant Awards are limited to students currently enrolled in the Fall 2021 semester.

The University has already determined eligibility for the Block Grant Awards. Students do not need to complete a separate application to receive them. Students will receive the following awards based on their Expected Family Contribution (EFC) range from the 2021-2022 FAFSA:

| Group | EFC Range | Award |
|------------------------|--------------|---------|
| Undergraduate Students | 0-5,846 | \$1,675 |
| Undergraduate Students | 5,847-15,000 | \$1,000 |
| Undergraduate Students | >15,000 | \$550 |
| Undergraduate Students | No EFC/FAFSA | \$300 |
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| Graduate Students | 0-5,846 | \$700 |
| Graduate Students | 5,847-15,000 | \$500 |
| Graduate Students | >15,000 | \$300 |
| Graduate Students | No EFC/FAFSA | \$200 |

Student Emergency Fund

The University made additional funds available from the HEERF II through the existing [Student Emergency Fund](#). Students were eligible to [apply](#) for these additional emergency funds for the following reasons, on an as-needed basis, if they have been impacted by the coronavirus pandemic:

- Essential academic needs (e.g. books and supplies);
- Housing needs (e.g. securing short-term housing, security deposits, utilities assistance, etc.) as a result of the coronavirus pandemic;
- One-time / non-recurring medical expenses;

- Emergency expenses related to dependents (e.g. childcare);
- Other allowable expenses outlined by the CARES Act and any subsequent guidance offered by the U.S. Department of Education.
- Student account balances

Questions

Questions about the Student Emergency Fund should be directed to the Office of Student Outreach and Support by calling 423-425-2299 or by emailing SEF@utc.edu.

Questions about the HEERF Funding should be directed to Tyler Forrest, Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance, by emailing Tyler-Forrest@utc.edu.

Reports

UTC Q3 HEERF Report 09.30.21 [insert hyperlink to PDF]

UTC Q2 HEERF Report 06.30.21 [insert hyperlink to PDF]

UTC Q1 HEERF Report 03.31.21 [insert hyperlink to PDF]

UTC Q4 HEERF Report 12.31.2020 [insert hyperlink to PDF]

UTC Q3 HEERF Report 10.28.2020 [insert hyperlink to PDF]

UTC HEERF Webpage Update 12.31.2020 [insert hyperlink to PDF]

UTC HEERF Webpage Update 9.29.2020 [insert hyperlink to PDF]

UTC HEERF Webpage Update 8.14.2020 [insert hyperlink to PDF]

UTC HEERF Webpage Update 7.1.2020 [insert hyperlink to PDF]

UTC HEERF Webpage Update 5.15.2020 [insert hyperlink to PDF]

Additional Resources

UTC CARES Act Certification and Agreement 04.17.2020 [insert hyperlink to PDF]

UTC CARES Act Certification and Agreement 05.01.2020 [insert hyperlink to PDF]

UTC CARES Act Certification and Agreement 06.04.2020 [insert hyperlink to PDF]

UTC CARES Act Campus Announcement 04.29.2020 [insert hyperlink to PDF]