



## **CARES Act & Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)**

### **Report for HEERF II Student Aid**

August 10, 2021

## **About The CARES Act and the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)**

### **Introduction**

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) is authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Public Law 116-260, signed into law on Dec. 27, 2020. In total, the CRRSAA authorizes \$81.88 billion in support for education, in addition to the \$30.75 billion expeditiously provided last spring through the Coronavirus Aid, Recovery, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136.

1. Chattanooga College Medical, Dental, & Technical Careers signed and submitted the Department of Education Certification & Agreement on March 6, 2021. By doing so, Chattanooga College Medical, Dental, & Technical Careers assures that it will use 100% of the funds under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
2. Chattanooga College Medical, Dental, & Technical Careers will receive a total of \$280,069 for emergency student grants in the budget period 3/6/2021 to 3/5/2022.  
The funds will be disbursed to the college for three quarters:  
QTR 1 May 3, 2021 – \$112,000  
QTR 2 August 30, 2021 – \$98,000  
QTR 3 November 1, 2021 – \$70,069

All funds (100%) will be distributed to students who are currently enrolled on that date in the same manner as previous – those with the lowest EFC's are in the most need and will receive a larger amount.

3. The first disbursement of \$112,000 was received on May 5, 2021. Checks were mailed to students May 13 and 14, 2021. As of this submission \$111,650 has been distributed to students.
4. All currently enrolled students as of May 3, 2021 were eligible for emergency grants.
5. Checks were mailed to 223 students. Some were returned for incorrect address and those were re-written and mailed to the student. As of this date, four checks remain unclear and those students have been contacted and checks will be redistributed.

6. CRRSAA requires that institutions prioritize the funds by student need. Chattanooga College Medical, Dental, & Technical Careers distributed grants based on a student's expected family contribution, or EFC, which is a number that is calculated based on information a student provides on the FAFSA.

Eighty one (81) students with an EFC of 0 to 999 received an award of \$650.

Twenty-one (21) students with an EFC from 1000 to 2999 received an award of \$500.

One hundred twenty (120) other students received an award of \$400. (this is the rest of the enrolled students).

7. There were no special instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants. These funds are to be used by the student for any hardship needs.

The following note was included in each envelope with the check:

Dear Student,

You are entitled to this check as a result of the governments' CARES ACT/HERRF. You must be a current student at Chattanooga College. If you received this and you are not currently a student, you must return the check. These funds are NOT financial aid and will not otherwise have to be repaid. You may use these funds for your educational expenses or items related to COVID -19.