

Reporting Requirements

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund – Student Aid

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund-IHE/Student Aid provides funding to institutions to provide emergency financial aid grants to students whose lives have been disrupted, many of whom are facing financial challenges and struggling to make ends meet.

The University of North Texas (UNT) received an allocation from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) to make emergency grants available to students. UNT follows all guidelines provided by the U.S. Department of Education in awarding and disbursing grants to students. As part of the established guidelines, UNT provides the following information each quarter. This report includes the amounts allocated under each successive tranche of HEERF according to HEERF I (CARES), HEERF II (CRRSAA), and HEERF III (ARP).

Updated 10/7/2021 with data as of 9/30/2021.

1. UNT signed and submitted a Certification and Agreement to the Department of Education and intends to use no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES, CRRSAA, and ARP legislation to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
2. The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department of Education pursuant to the Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

HEERF I: \$14,509,044

HEERF II: \$14,509,044

HEERF III: \$42,468,686

TOTAL: \$71,486,774

3. UNT has distributed the following amounts to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES, CRRSAA, and ARP legislation as of **9/30/2021**.

Total Distribution (HEERF I, II, III): \$46,744,794

Quarterly Distribution (July 1, 2021 – September 30, 2021): \$18,844,750

4. UNT has an estimated total of 42,372 students (as of Fall 2021) that are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.

- Students who have received Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES, CRRSAA, and ARP legislation. These totals represent student headcount and not individual awards.

Total Student Headcount (HEERF I, II, III): 40,229

Quarterly Headcount (July 1, 2021 – September 30, 2021): 31,017

- UNT followed the guidelines provided by the Department of Education in administering the awarding and disbursement of funds to students. The institution established a team of staff from Student Affairs, Student Financial Aid and Scholarships, and Student Financial Services to manage the communications, requests, awarding, and processing of emergency financial aid grants.

An application was established to capture basic information, including why the student was requesting funds and how the funds would be used to ensure their success at UNT. Each application was reviewed to ensure eligibility according to the Department of Education guidelines, to confirm the student expressed need. UNT has ensured the application, awarding, and processing allowed for the prioritization of students with exceptional financial need and also to award Emergency Financial Aid Grants to as many students as possible.

Effective for the Fall 2021 semester, UNT utilized a tiered amount structure to further ensure that HEERF funding was prioritized to those with the most exceptional need. UNT utilized the official Expected Family Contribution (EFC) as calculated through the financial aid application process for the current financial aid year. In addition, students who submitted the TASFA (Texas Application for State Financial Aid) were awarded using the same need methodology.

HEERF award amounts were allocated to students as follows:

Expected Family Contribution Range	HEERF Award (per student)
\$0 - \$5,846	\$750 per semester
Greater than \$5,846, or no aid application on file	\$500 per semester

- All enrolled students were notified of the availability of grants by an *official email from the University President on April 15, 2020* (<https://www.unt.edu/notices/help-so-you-can-succeed-message-president>). Additional information was communicated through social media, website posts, and additional emails distributed by various university departments. The following website was established to provide information about the awards and the application process: <https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/covid-19-student-success-award>

