

CARES ACT EMERGENCY GRANTS TO STUDENTS

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)

October 4, 2020

Under Section 18004(a)(1) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, a total funding allocation was established for NHTI – Concord’s Community College with at least 50% reserved to provide students with emergency financial aid grants to help cover expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus.

NHTI submitted a signed “Recipient’s Funding Certification and Agreement” to the U.S. Department of Education for the emergency financial aid grants to students’ portion (HEERF), acknowledging \$903,288 was allocated “to provide emergency financial aid grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus (including eligible expenses under a student’s cost of attendance such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care and child care).”

How much in emergency grant funds has been distributed to students?

Date (as of)	Total amount disbursed	Total number of students
May 22, 2020	\$0	0
July 6, 2020	\$903,228	1528
August 20, 2020	\$903,288	1528
October 4, 2020	\$903,288	1528

Who is eligible for the Emergency Financial Aid Grant funds?

To be eligible for emergency financial aid grant funding, as outlined under CARES Act Section 18004(a)(1), students must:

- Have been matriculated in a Title IV eligible program
- Enrolled as of March 13, 2020
- Be eligible to participate in programs under [Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965](#)

Date (as of)	Estimated number of eligible students
May 22, 2020	1590

How DID NHTI determine which students received funds?

May 5, 2020 – NHTI notified students via an email on that NHTI received CARES funding.

May 19, 2020 – Students were asked to complete an application by logging into the Student Information System (SIS). An email (student email and personal email) with instructions was sent to possibly eligible students. A deadline of June 5 was set to complete the application process.

To be considered for CARES Act Emergency Student Fund Eligibility:

- Your school must have a FAFSA on file (2019-2020).
 - If you have not, there's still time. Complete the 2019-2020 FAFSA before June 10, 2020.
- You must be making satisfactory academic progress in a degree or certificate program.
- You must have been registered for spring semester program course(s) as of March 13, 2020.
- You must demonstrate eligibility to participate in programs under Section 484 of the HEA – [click here for more details.](#)

Group 1 – Students that met the above eligibility and answered “yes” to qualifying expenses listed on the application. Group 1 was broken into 3 groups: non- residential, displaced residential on or prior to 3/13/2020, and displaced residential after 3/13/2020.

- Students that meet the above eligibility and answered “yes” to qualifying expenses on the application non-residential.
 - 97 students had 0-2 categories awarded \$500.00
 - 128 students had 3-4 categories of expenses \$800.00
 - 85 students had 5-6 categories of expenses \$1200.00
 - 35 students had 7-8 categories of expenses \$1600.00
- Students that meet the above eligibility and answered “yes” to qualifying expenses on the application and displaced residential on or prior to 3/13/2020
 - 11 students had 0-2 categories awarded \$750.00
 - 13 students had 3-4 categories of expenses \$1100.00
 - 17 students had 5-6 categories of expenses \$1500.00
 - 7 students had 7-8 categories of expenses \$1900.00
- Students that meet the above eligibility and answered “yes” to qualifying expenses on the application and displaced residential after 3/13/2020
 - 4 students had 3-4 categories of expenses \$1000.00
 - 2 students had 5-6 categories of expenses \$1400.00

Group 2 – Residential house students were affected due to the “disruption of campus operations”. NHTI identified residential student, enrolled students as of March 13,2020 and met the eligibility requirements of the HEA.

- Student that were displaced from housing as of March 13, 2020
 - 138 students received \$660.00
- Student that stayed in housing beyond but were displace after March 13, 2020
 - 11 students received \$537

Group 3 – NHTI identify students with a FAFSA on file for 2019-2020, matriculated in a on campus degree program, enrolled as of March 13,2020 and met the eligibility requirements of the HEA; were affected by the “disruption of campus operations.”

- 980 students received \$438.00

How did students receive their funds?

- Funds were posted directly to students accounts through the Bursar's Office the week of June 15, 2020.
- Students were sent an email notifying them of their eligibility for the CARES Act Funding from the financial aid office on June 17, 2020.
- Students were sent an email notifying them of the amount of the refund and that the funds would be sent to them via Nelnet.
- Awarded students may have elected to receive awards via direct deposit by following the "How to Sign Up for Electronic Refunding" process at <https://www.ccsnh.edu/paying-for-college/resources/ccsnh-student-refunds>.
- If direct deposit is not set up, HEERF funds were mailed to students at the permanent address on file at the college.