

12/31/2021 – Update

South University, in compliance with the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II), authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) 2021, is hereby providing its initial reporting for the Emergency Relief Financial Aid Grants to students to the US Department of Education, as well as disclosing the identical information on" South University's website (www.SouthUniversity.edu).

The CRRSAA Act requires proprietary institutions* to disburse all received funding to all eligible students (campus based or online).

South University acknowledges that the institution signed and returned all required certifications as required and pledges to use 100% of the funds received to provide emergency relief grants to our eligible students.

South University will receive a total of \$5.1 M in HEERF II funds.

South University will be disbursing all funds during the first quarter of 2022 to our eligible students.

Each student will be required to complete a signed acknowledgement stating the funds will be used to cover the intended expenses as outlined in the regulations and guidance issued by the US Department of Education.

South University, in an effort to provide relief to ALL eligible students and to immediately award the student emergency funds, is finalizing its grant allocation based on specific EFC ranges for eligible students as determined by the students 2021-2022 ISIR. This allows the University to immediately award every dollar we received to assist our students. South University will provide the students of the eligibility requirements and will require each student to confirm understanding of the funds and the intended usage.

* South University, which is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) was awarded these funds as its change of ownership and conversion to a non-profit institution are pending review and approval by the US Department of Education.

03/31/2022 – Update

South University requested an extension on the budget period in order to allow additional time to complete the allocation of HEERF II funds to all eligible students based on their need and distribution preference. A budget period extension was granted and South University plans to implement student notification and acknowledgement in Q2 2022.

Here is the Student Announcement:

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Student Notification

Dear South University Student,

As you may be aware, the federal government approved and funded Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) II grants. These grant funds allow institutions to provide emergency financial aid grants for students. The purpose of the emergency funds is to assist students with the exceptional need pay for components of the cost of attendance expenses.

Federal regulations define the cost of attendance components as tuition, food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, mental health care, and childcare.

*Students enrolled in an undergraduate program * who are eligible to participate in Federal Student Aid (Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965), completed the 2021/2022 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and received a valid Institutional Student Information Record (ISIR) with a valid Expected Family Contribution (EFC) which results in a Federal Pell Grant award will receive a grant. Each student must also meet all other eligibility requirements for federal student aid including: (a) be actively attending South University; (b) be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen; (c) have a valid Social Security Number; and (d) be a high school graduate or the equivalent. Students with outstanding issues regarding citizenship or high school graduate or equivalent, will not receive the HEERFII grant until the issue is resolved within the timeframe outlined below.*

South University, in an effort to provide relief and to immediately award the student emergency funds, finalized its grant allocation based on specific EFC ranges for eligible students. Federal regulations and guidance require that we award the funds to our students with the greatest need. Students with an EFC from 0 – 5846 are considered students with the greatest need and are generally eligible for the Federal Pell Grant Program. Keeping with the Department’s philosophy for identifying need, South University is awarding a set amount of grant funds to our eligible undergraduate students based on the EFC reported on the 2021-2022 ISIR.

This allows us to immediately award our total grant allocation to assist our students. Before receiving the award, each eligible student will be required to complete an acknowledgement form. Each eligible student has the option (a) to receive the HEERF II grant amount in full, or (b) to elect to use some or all of the grant to cover tuition and fees on the student’s account at South University, with any remaining grant funds paid to the student. The confirmation will also contain an attestation that the student agrees to use the funds only to pay for eligible expenses such as tuition, food, housing, course materials, technology, health and mental care, and childcare.

Eligible students must complete the acknowledgment form and actively select how the funds will be used. The acknowledgment must be completed on or before May 25, 2022. Any student who does not return the acknowledgment timely will forfeit the grant funds. South University will reallocate these forfeited funds to other students.

Eligible students electing to receive the full grant or a portion of the grant should expect to receive the funds within 21 days of completing the acknowledgment. Eligible students electing to apply the full grant amount (or a portion) to cover tuition and fees will see the adjustments to their ledgers within 21 days of signing the acknowledgment form.

Qualified students will receive the funds through Bank Mobile, our stipend vendor, based on their prior election for stipends (debit card, electronic transfer payments to a bank account, or paper check) using the student’s current address on file. If you would like to establish or change your method for receiving funds, please visit <https://www.refundselection.com/> before May 25, 2022. Please note, payments to students who have not made an election selection will be processed as paper checks which can result in a delay in receipt of the funds.

We have created a question and answer document (attached) to assist you with any questions you may have. Should you have any additional questions, please contact your Financial Aid Advisor.

* Students that are enrolled in the RN to MSN or BS Accounting to Masters in Accounting, must be in the undergraduate portion of the program to be eligible for HEERFII. Students that have graduated from a bachelor's program and are currently in a Master's program are not eligible for HEERFII.

Here is the Student Acknowledgement:

HEERF II Grant Request Acknowledgement

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. The purpose of the emergency funds is to assist students with the expenses incurred as it relates to the disruption of campus operations as a direct result of COVID-19, such as moving all campus-based classes from the campus locations to the virtual format.

The HEERF II will provide emergency financial aid grants to students for any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus which include eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance, such as tuition, food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and childcare.

You can elect either to receive the grant paid to you in full or to use the grant (or a portion of the grant) to reduce your current account balance at South University

A. Grant Determination

Based on your 2021-2022 ISIR and EFC, your HEERF II grant amount is: \$ _____

Your current outstanding balance at South University is \$ _____

B. Grant Distribution Selection

Please select one of the three options below:

- Please send me the full HEERF II grant amount.
- Please send me a portion of my HEERFII grant and apply a portion to my student account for tuition and charges.
- Please apply the full HEERF II grant award to my student account for tuition and fee charges

If you are electing to apply a portion of your HEERF II grant funds to your student account, please enter the amount that you would like to apply to your balance. The remaining balance of your grant funds will be sent to you.

\$ _____

(Amount to be applied to your student account balance.)

C. Student's Information

Last Name

First Name

Student ID Number

D. Acknowledgement

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have COVID-19 related expenses, such as tuition, food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, or childcare, due to the disruption of campus operations and will use my emergency funds for this purpose. I also have the option to use these funds towards my account balance with the university.

Student Signature

Student Name

Date

6/30/2022 – Update

South University has awarded the full \$5,150,967 to eligible students and has distributed \$3,774,440 based on the student acknowledgements received and processed to date. Below is the breakdown of the grants distributed based on EFC.

	Disbursed	
EFC	# of Students	\$ Amount
0	3124	\$3,155,240
1-3000	447	\$415,710
3001-5846	238	\$203,490
Total	3809	\$3,774,440

9/30/2022 – Update

South University has disbursed a cumulative total of \$5,149,795 in HEERF II funds to eligible students based on the student acknowledgements received. Below is the breakdown of the grants distributed based on EFC.

Disbursed HEERF II		
<i>EFC range</i>	<i># of Students</i>	<i>\$Amount</i>
0	3120	\$4,285,620
1-3000	450	\$579,165
3001-5846	240	\$285,010
Grand Total	3810	\$5,149,795

12/31/2022 – Update – Final

South University completed the reconciliation of all awarded and distributed HEERF II grants in Q4 2022. As a result, \$65,611 worth of returned or uncashed stipend checks were returned back to the G5 in December 2022.

Quarterly Submissions – HEERF II

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