

Lenoir Community College (LCC) applied for Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF) of the CARES Act on 4/15/2020 and received HEERF of the CARES Act on 4/24/2020. LCC signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education Certification of Agreement that 50 percent or more funds will be provided directly to students.

LCC will disburse the 50% (\$485,443) of HEERF with the CARES Act to qualifying curriculum students enrolled in seated courses for the Spring 2020 term, with the first disbursement by May 14, 2020. There is an estimated total of 817 students who may be eligible for these funds, with 634 students who currently meet the criteria for the HEERF of the CARES Act funds and an additional 183 students who are pending qualification.

Following section 18004 of the CARES Act, Lenoir Community College received and distributed emergency financial aid grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the Coronavirus(COVID-19). On March 16, 2020, Lenoir Community College ceased all seated courses due to safety concerns for students and staff, this disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus affected all students enrolled in a seated course. Following recommendations of Secretary Betsy DeVos, Section 18004 of the CARES Act, and Frequently Asked Questions posted by the U.S. Department of Education, Lenoir Community College is distributing grants to its students affected by this disruption of campus operations.

Student Selection Criteria:

Lenoir Community College selected recipients of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF) based on criteria set forth by the CARES Act and the Department of Education. Following these guidelines and utilizing our student information system we were able to compile a list of qualified students. Students must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to demonstrate eligibility. The Department of Education (DOE) deems the following students ineligible for funding under HEERF:

- Students enrolled exclusively online are ineligible due to DOE Emergency Financial Aid FAQ #12.
- Dually enrolled high school students are ineligible due to DOE Emergency Financial Aid FAQ #9.
- Ineligible non-citizens are ineligible due to Sec 484 of the Higher Education Act(HEA) of 1965.
- Students enrolled in a non-Title IV program are ineligible due to Sec 484 of the Higher Education Act(HEA) of 1965.

Funding Allocation:

Funding based on Spring 2020 enrollment status ranging from \$150 to \$675 per person

- Amounts based on total curriculum credit hours enrolled beyond census date during Spring 2020 term for 634 qualifying students:
 - a) Full Time (12+ hours) = 395 students @ \$675 = \$266,625
 - b) $\frac{3}{4}$ Time (9-11 hours) = 146 students @ \$500 = \$73,000
 - c) $\frac{1}{2}$ Time (6-8 hours) = 61 students @ \$325 = \$19,825
 - d) Less than $\frac{1}{2}$ Time (1-5 hours) 32 students @ \$150 = \$4,800
- Total amount for immediate disbursement for 634 students is \$364,250
- Amounts based on curriculum credit hours enrolled during Spring 2020 term for 183 pending students. These students have not completed a FAFSA as of 5/13/2020. To ensure these students meet DOE criteria, they will need to complete a 19/20 or 20/21 FAFSA on or by 6/30/2020. If this group of students do not complete a FAFSA, then all or some of these funds from this group would become available to reallocate.
 - a) Full Time (12+ hours) = 94 students @ \$675 = \$ 63,450
 - b) $\frac{3}{4}$ Time (9-11 hours) = 43 students @ \$500 = \$21,500
 - c) $\frac{1}{2}$ Time (6-8 hours) = 22 students @ \$325= \$7,150
 - d) Less than $\frac{1}{2}$ Time (1-5 hours) 24 students @ \$150 = \$3,600
- Total amount pending is \$95,700

Any remaining funds will be disbursed to qualifying students on or before the end of the Spring 2021 term.