

EMERGENCY GRANTS FOR EDGECOMBE COMMUNITY COLLEGE (ECC) STUDENTS

April 1, 2021 -- Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) was authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) to provide funding to colleges and universities for emergency grants to students to cover any component of the cost of attendance or for emergency costs which arise as a result of the coronavirus.

Edgecombe Community College received **\$2,752,568** of which **\$619,898** in funding to has been allocated assist students with emergency grants. The following guidelines have been developed for distribution of HEERF II funding:

Eligibility

An eligible curriculum (CU) student must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and be deemed TIV eligible as defined by Sec. 484 of the HEA by satisfying the following criteria:

- Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment in a degree or certificate program;
- For currently enrolled students, be making satisfactory academic progress;
- Not owe an overpayment on Title IV grants or loans;
- Not be in default on a Title IV loan;
- File "as part of the original financial aid application process" a certification that includes
- A statement of educational purpose;
- Student's SSN;
- Be a U.S. citizen or national, permanent resident, or an eligible noncitizen;
- Have Selective Service registration verified;
- Have Social Security Number verified; and
- Not have a federal or state conviction for drug possession or sale, with certain time limitations.

Students can receive funding for:

- Tuition and Fees for the current semester;
- Housing and Meals;
- Course Materials;
- Technology;
- Transportation;
- Medical Care including mental health; and
- Child Care.

CRRSAA required the institution to give priority to students with “exceptional need”. Priority will be given to students receiving the Federal Pell Grant. The amount awarded will be based on enrollment status as of April 9, 2021. ECC has created a formula that is fair and one that would assist a wide range of eligible students. See disbursement chart below.

Enrollment Status/Level	Award Amount
Full time enrollment (12 or more credits)	\$1100
Part-time enrollment (9-11 credits)	\$825
Half-time (6-8 credits)	\$550
Less than half-time (1-5 credits)	\$275

The HEERF II grant is not considered financial aid and will not affect the students’ current or future financial aid eligibility.

When will funds be distributed?

Students do not need to apply. Students will automatically be awarded the emergency funds based on the established criteria. Funds will be transmitted by the end of April 2021 to the students’ accounts and disbursed via direct deposit to the bank account on file with the ECSI and will not affect the students’ financial aid award. All students are encouraged to sign up for direct deposit to ensure faster disbursement. If direct deposit is not on file, a check will be mailed to the students’ mailing address on file. Students will be notified of the funding disbursement via an email from the ECSI.

What if I owe a balance to the College?

Students owing a balance to the College are still eligible for the HEERF II funds. The funds will not apply toward any balance on the students’ accounts. Any outstanding balance will remain on the students’ accounts and will be the students’ responsibility to clear their balance prior to registering for classes for the upcoming semester or before graduation.

Did not receive funding?

- Remaining HEERF II funds will be set aside and used to award future eligible students. If you feel that you should have been eligible, please contact Sherlock McDougald at mcdougalds@edgecombe.edu
- Students will be awarded until funding is exhausted. If approved, funds will not be released until the end of the Spring 2021 term. Students must meet the eligibility criteria above.
- Students without a 2020-2021 FAFSA on file may still complete one at <https://studentaid.gov>. Please allow at least three to five business days for the FAFSA results to be received by the College. Students who have not completed verification may do so for consideration.
- In accordance with guidance from the U.S. Department of Education, international and undocumented students are not eligible for HEERF II funding.
- Questions regarding the HEERF II funding can be emailed to financialaid@ecc.edu with the subject HEERF II.