

EDGECOMBE COMMUNITY COLLEGE (ECC) CARES Act 45 DAY REPORT

The CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) provides funding to institutions for emergency financial aid grants to students whose lives have been disrupted by the coronavirus pandemic.

The following guidelines are approved for use by Edgecombe Community College (ECC) for the disbursement of funds from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. These guidelines are for the initial disbursement of the first 50% of the college's CARES Act allocation totaling \$1,238,000. Of which, \$619,898 is allocated for disbursements to students. The criteria below will be used to determine a student's eligibility.

An eligible curriculum (CU) student must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and be deemed TIV eligible as defined by Section 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 other 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.

The estimated number of students eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is 1,462.

Students with the greatest documented need using the Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) from the 2019-20 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will be prioritized. Awards will be prorated based on the number of hours the students were enrolled in as of May 6, 2020. Students who receive funding are not required to record or track how it is spent.

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)	\$800
Part-time enrollment (9-11 credits)	\$600
Half-time (6-8 credits)	\$400
Less than half-time (1-5 credits)	\$200

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 December 27, 2020. The CRRSAA requires institutions to spend the same dollar amount on student grants as they were required to spend under the CARES Act. Edgecombe Community College received \$619,898 to be allocated for disbursements to students.

An eligible curriculum (CU) student must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and be deemed TIV eligible as defined by Section 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;

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)	\$1,100
Part-time enrollment (9-11 credits)	\$825
Half-time (6-8 credits)	\$550
Less than half-time (1-5 credits)	\$275
Dual-enrolled	\$250

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds III (HEERF III) created under the American Rescue Plan (ARP). The (ARP) included additional COVID-19 relief for institutions of higher education. This COVID stimulus bill provided Edgecombe Community College with an additional \$2,752,568 using the same Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) model established in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

The estimated number of students eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is 2,462.

As of July 1, 2020, \$553,400 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants have been distributed to 1,042 students.

As of October 31, 2021, \$556,400 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants have been distributed to 1,062 students.

As of December 15, 2020, in \$578,000 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants have been distributed to 1,081 students.

As of January 15, 2021, \$579,600 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants have been distributed to 1,083 students.

As of February 28, 2021, \$579,600 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants have been distributed to 1,083 students.

As of April 15, 2021, \$602,600 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants have been distributed to 1,095 students.

As of May 31, 2021, \$1,221,500 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants have been distributed to 1,268 students.

As of July 10, 2021, \$1,266,150 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants have been distributed to 1,747 students.