



HEERF II Emergency Grant

Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA)

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II)

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[The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II \(HEERF II\)](#) was authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), which was signed into law on December 27, 2020. In addition to the \$30.75 billion provided last spring through the Coronavirus Aid, Recovery, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, the CRRSAA authorizes a total of \$81.88 billion in support for education, with \$22.7 billion allocated to the HEERF II program. These funds are intended to “assist public and private nonprofit colleges and universities in preparing for, preventing, and responding to coronavirus,” and to provide temporary emergency financial assistance to eligible students who are experiencing financial hardship due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Under CRRSAA section 314(a)(1), Notre Dame de Namur University (NDNU) was allocated \$1,836,201 in HEERF II funding. Of this amount, a minimum of \$560,725 must be used for emergency financial aid grants to students (CFDA 84.425E Student Aid Portion Allocation), and a maximum of \$1,275,476 can be used by the institution to defray expenses associated with coronavirus (84.425F Institutional Portion Allocation).

On April 22, 2021, NDNU issued checks to eligible students totaling \$524,200 of which \$75,500 was the unused portion of the CARES Act HEERF funds allocated on April 20, 2020 and \$448,700.00 was from the CRRSAA HEERF II funds. Grants were given to 494 eligible students with amounts ranging from \$300 to \$4,000, based on financial need and academic level. The remaining amount will be disbursed to eligible continuing students in summer 2021 and fall 2021.

The institutional portion of the CRRSAA HEERF II funds was drawn on April 23, 2021 totaling \$1,272,045 to reimburse the university for room and board fees that were refunded to students in March 2020. This amount also includes lost revenue for room and board fees for the 2020-2021 academic year and other expenses assumed by NDNU associated with the coronavirus pandemic.

HEERF II Frequently Asked Questions

1. How much funding is available to NDNU students and how will funds be allocated?

Under the HEERF II program, NDNU has been allocated \$560,725 to be distributed as emergency financial aid grants to eligible students. NDNU will award approximately 80% of the available funding to undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in the spring 2021 semester. Because NDNU anticipates that students will

continue to be affected by the pandemic throughout the remainder of the calendar year, the remaining 20% of funding will be allocated to eligible students enrolled in the summer 2021 and fall 2021 semesters.

2. Who is eligible to receive a HEERF II emergency grant?

The student must:

- Be an enrolled student at NDNU in either spring 2021, summer 2021 or fall 2021.

Additionally, a student's 2020-21 FAFSA EFC and spring 2021, summer 2021 or fall 2021 academic level will be considered in determining eligibility amounts for students meeting the above criteria. We are required by the program to prioritize students who demonstrate exceptional need, as determined by EFC.

Unfortunately, the US Department of Education does not currently allow these funds to be used for international students, undocumented students, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients, or non-matriculated students.

3. Will I be notified if I qualify for a HEERF II emergency grant?

Students who meet the eligibility criteria will receive notification to their NDNU student email account by mid-April 2021.

4. How much aid will I receive if I qualify for a HEERF II emergency grant?

HEERF II emergency grants will range from \$300 to \$3,000, based on an allocation matrix using the following criteria:

- Prioritization will be given to students who are known to have exceptional need based on information available to the Financial Aid Office, such as those students who receive Pell Grants.
- The student's level of study will also be considered with prioritization given first to undergraduate students and then to graduate students.

5. How and when will HEERF II emergency grants be distributed to eligible students?

NDNU will begin disbursing HEERF II emergency grants to eligible students as quickly as possible and anticipates that students will begin receiving their funds by April 15, 2021. Checks will be issued to students within seven (7) days of the HEERF II emergency grants being posted to students' accounts. Students will receive their funds as a paper check, sent through U.S. mail. Any account balances owed to the university will not be deducted from the HEERF II emergency grant, unless requested by student. Students may request to apply their HEERF II emergency grant funds to their student account by sending an email to the Business Office. This email request must be submitted to the Business Office email, businessoffice@ndnu.edu by Monday, April 19, 2021 and must be sent from the NDNU student email account.

If the Business Office does not receive a request by Monday, April 19, 2021, the full amount of the HEERF II emergency grant will be issued as a paper check.

6. Where will I receive my check?

Students will receive checks mailed to the permanent home address listed on the student portal.

To update the address, please log onto the campus portal using the following link: <https://campusportal.ndnu.edu/ics/> and click on the header in the upper right-hand corner.

- Select *My Profile & Settings*
 - Click *Contact Information*
 - Drop down the *Addresses* window and complete update

Please know that the change may take several days to appear on the student portal. For questions or assistance to update a mailing address, please immediately contact the Office of the Registrar at registrar@ndnu.edu.

7. How can I check on the status of my HEERF II emergency grant?

All student account activity is posted to the student portal. To log onto the student Campus Portal account, please use the following link: <https://campusportal.ndnu.edu/ics/>

To navigate to the student account and check on the status of the student HEERF II emergency grant:

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1. Enter the Student ID # and password to log in
 - b. Click on the *Student* tab at the top of the page
 - c. Click on *Student Account Activity* in the menu on the left side of the page
 - d. Click on *My Balance*
 - e. Click on the actual balance displayed (even if it is \$0.00); this will show your account transactions with descriptions and dates.
- Scroll to the bottom to view HEERF II disbursements. If it is after the disbursement date of April 15, 2021 and there is no information, this means the student did not qualify for a disbursement. Otherwise, there will be a credit to the account with the description "CRRSAA HEERF II Spring Grant".
- Please refer to DETAIL, scroll to the bottom to see the descriptions. If a check has been mailed, there will be a debit that states "Refund Check". It will be for the exact amount of the HEERF II disbursement.

8. What types of expenses can I use my HEERF II emergency grant funds for?

HEERF II emergency grant funds may be used for any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to the COVID-19 pandemic, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care), or childcare.

9. Will receiving a HEERF II emergency grant impact my financial aid?

No, this is a one-time emergency grant that will not replace or reduce a current or future financial aid package.