



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 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).

In the first quarter of 2021 (January to March), NDNU did not draw down institutional or student funds.

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 plans to 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 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.
- Be a U.S. citizen or national, permanent resident, or other eligible noncitizen

Additionally, a student's 2020-21 FAFSA EFC and Spring '21 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 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 16, 2021. Checks will be issued to students within seven 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 your NDNU student email account. If the Business Office does not receive a request by **Monday, April 19, 2021**, the full amount of your HEERF II emergency grant will be issued to you 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 your 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 your portal. If you have further questions or need assistance with updating your 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 your student portal. To log onto your Campus Portal account, please use the following link: <https://campusportal.ndnu.edu/ics/>

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

- a. Enter your 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 you are checking after the disbursement date of April 16, 2021 and there is no information, you did not qualify for a disbursement. Otherwise, there will be a credit to the account with the description “CRRSAA HEERF II Spring Grant”.
 - Look at *DETAIL* and scroll to the bottom, to see the descriptions. If a check has been sent to you, 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 your current or future financial aid package.