

Georgia Highlands College HEERF II Student Funding Plan

On December 27, 2020, the President signed the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA). This new law gives the U.S. Department of Education approximately \$22.7 billion to distribute to institutions of higher education in order to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus through the HEERF. As part of the CRRSAA, Georgia Highlands College (GHC) has been awarded \$2,110,118 to support GHC's students directly. The student portion of the CRRSAA funds may be used for any component of a student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care.

One requirement of CRRSAA is that institutions prioritize students with "exceptional" need. To meet this requirement, GHC will issue all the CRRSAA funds to those students who have or are eligible to receive Pell funding. Expected Family Contribution (EFC) numbers will be utilized so that students with lower EFC numbers receive the largest awards. Along with the \$2.1 million in CRRSAA funding, GHC still has \$149,000 of the original CARES Act money that was allocated for emergency awards remaining. These remaining funds will be added to the \$2.1 million and awarded for Spring Semester 2021.

The below schedule will be used to issue the awards.

		Total Amount	\$ 2,259,118.00
EFC Range	Est. Number of Students	Amount Per Student	Total Amount Awarded
0-1000	1,357	\$ 1,500.00	2,035,500
1001-3199	283	\$ 790.00	223,570
		Estimated Awards	\$ 2,259,070.00

Students will be notified via email that they can elect to have the money applied directly to any open charges on their account along with instructions on how to make the election. GHC will obtain written (or electronic) consent from students in order to apply these funds to a student's account. Unlike the original CARES Act funding, students who are fully online are eligible to receive this award.