



# CRRSAA: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF II)

## **CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE AND RELIEF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2021 (CRRSAA)**

A new law, The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) was authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Public Law 116-260. This law, gives the U.S. Department of Education funding to distribute to institutions of higher education to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus through the HEERF II. Schools must make financial aid grants to students through HEERF II which can be used for any component of the 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 childcare. HEERF II requires that institutions prioritize students with exceptional need, such as students who receive Pell Grants. However, students do not need to be only Pell recipients or students who are eligible for Pell Grants.

### **AUHS will use the following information to determine HEERF II grant eligibility:**

- Student applicants must have been enrolled BEFORE December 27, 2020 AND be currently enrolled in any degree seeking program at AUHS.
- Completed and filed a 2020-2021 FAFSA and meet all Title IV (federal) aid eligibility requirements.
- Be in good academic standing.
- Experiencing unexpected financial hardship from COVID-19.
- Submit a complete and legible application by Monday, July 26, 2021, 1 PM.
- *Exceptional need* will be determined by using the most recent, official 2020-2021 Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Please find CARES Student Certification Form [here](#).