

HEERF Student Funds Quarterly Reporting – June 30, 2021

This is the Institution's final quarterly posting covering all expenditures for HEERF I and HEERF II Student Portion funds.

Certification and Agreement Acknowledgment

Great Lakes Institute of Technology has signed and returned the Certification and Agreement form and has used no less than the required amount of funds received to provide HEERF grants to students.

Funds Received

The total amount of HEERF Student funds that the institution has received from the U.S. Department of Education is \$715,254.00

Funds Distributed

The total amount of HEERF Student portion grants distributed to students is \$715,254.00 (100%).

Number of Students

The unduplicated number of students that were eligible for HEERF Student portion funds, based on the Institution's eligibility standards, was 478. The number of students who received HEERF Student portion funds is 478.

Award Determination Methodology

HEERF I – CARES Act

Student Eligibility

Enrollment Status

Students must be in a currently enrolled status (active, probation, leave of absence) as of the date of disbursement and must have a last date of attendance (LDA) no earlier than March 13th, which was the last date of on-campus instruction.

Effective June 16, 2020: Under new guidance received from the Department of Education, students must be enrolled in a Title IV Eligible program.

Title IV Eligibility

The Department of Education's guidance states that only students who are, or could be, Title IV eligible may receive the student portion of emergency grant funds. Great Lakes will determine Title IV eligibility based on information received on the student's most recent 2019-20 ISIR* transaction. Students without a FAFSA or with an unresolved C-Code or incomplete V4 or V5 verification will not be considered eligible. Students without a FAFSA or without proper documentation to prove Title IV eligibility will have received an email communication detailing their individual requirements for gaining eligibility.

*If the student did not submit a 2019-20 FAFSA, information from the 2020-21 FAFSA may be used.

Disbursement Amounts

We believe that all enrolled students will have experienced some level of disruption due to the Institution's transition to virtual learning due to COVID-19. Therefore, all students meeting the eligibility requirements detailed above will receive some level of the HEERF funding, with those students who display the most **financial need** and **academic disruption** receiving the greatest amounts.

To determine the levels of academic disruption and financial need, a point system was developed based on scheduled academic credits or clock hours, and Primary EFC. It is the Institution's belief that students taking less credits or attending less hours per week will have experienced a slighter disruption than students taking more credits or attending more hours per week. Thus, students scheduled at least 12 credit hours, or at least 20 clock hours per week, will qualify for a larger award amount than those who are scheduled less than 12 academic credits, or less than 20 clock hours per week. Beyond that, students demonstrating the most need, by having a zero EFC, will receive an additional level of funding.

Point System based on Enrollment Status and EFC

	Criteria	Points Allocated
Enrollment Status	PT Credit Hours student scheduled <12 acad crds, OR Clock hour student scheduled <20 hrs/wk	1
	FT Credit hour student scheduled 12+ acad crds, OR Clock hour student scheduled > 20 hrs/wk	2
Primary EFC	Zero EFC on most recent 19-20 ISIR*	1
	EFC > 0 on most recent 19-20 ISIR*	0

*If the student did not submit a 2019-20 FAFSA, information from the 2020-21 FAFSA may be used.

This point system will result in students falling into one of three award levels.

Lowest award amount	1 point	PT student, EFC >0
Middle range award	2 points	FT student, EFC >0 OR PT student, 0 EFC
Highest award amount	3 points	FT student, 0 EFC

Point value and award amounts will be determined based on the eligible student population at time of disbursement, with roughly \$200,000 of the funds being disbursed amongst an estimated number of 250 students immediately and the remainder of funds being reserved for students' additional emergency relief and future needs.

Additional Emergency Relief Disbursements

All eligible students will receive, with their initial award, an application for an Additional Emergency Relief Grant. Students who are able to validate significant, additional need due to campus disruption may be eligible to receive an additional grant of up to \$550. Campus administration will use the information provided to determine eligibility. Each student may be eligible for only one Additional Relief grant, and only one application will be accepted per student. Only students who are actively attending or on a leave of absence **in a Title-IV eligible program** will be considered. Students will be instructed to submit their application and all supporting documents to Great Lakes Institute of Technology, 5100 Peach St., Erie, PA 16509 or heerf@glit.edu. Applications must be received by June 26th. Eligible awards will be distributed via check and will be mailed to the student's address.

Final Allocations

After all Additional Relief Applications have been reviewed and paid, the remaining funds from the HEERF Student Portion will be disbursed using the same determination methodology and method of distribution detailed in this document.

HEERF II – CRRSAA Act

Student Eligibility

Students who are enrolled with a status of active, probation, or leave of absence as of May 31, 2021 are eligible to receive HEERF II Student Grant funds.

Disbursement Amounts

To determine individual award amounts, a point system was developed based on Pell eligibility and student enrollment statuses.

- Pell eligibility status was obtained using the student's latest 2020-21 ISIR transaction.
- Enrollment status was determined by the student's academic schedule as of May 31, 2021.

Point System Based on Federal Pell Grant Eligibility and Enrollment Statuses

	Criteria	# Points Allocated
Pell Eligibility Status	<u>Pell Eligible</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ As indicated on the student's latest 2020-21 ISIR.	1.0
	<u>Non-Pell Eligible</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ As indicated on the student's latest 2020-21 ISIR,○ Students who did not complete a 2020-21 FAFSA,○ Students enrolled in non-Title IV programs.	0.0
Enrollment Status	<u>Full-Time (FT)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Credit hour student scheduled 12+ academic credits, or○ Clock hour student scheduled > 20 hours/week	2.0
	<u>Part-Time (PT)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Credit Hours student scheduled <12 academic credits,○ Clock hour student scheduled <20 hours/week, or○ Students on a leave of absence.	1.0

The point system resulted in the following award amounts per category of student:

Full-time student	Pell eligible	3 points	\$ 1,788.00
	Non-Pell eligible	2 points	\$ 1,192.00
Part-time student	Pell eligible	2 points	\$ 1,192.00
	Non-Pell eligible	1 point	\$ 596.00

Guidance Provided

HEERF I – CARES Act

With each disbursement check, students received the following information and guidance regarding the use of their HEERF I Student Funds:

“The U.S. Department of Education has made Emergency Financial Aid Grants available to students of our institution who are in need of financial support for their expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to Coronavirus. HEERF funds are not considered taxable income and they do not affect a student’s current or future eligibility for financial aid. Emergency grant funds can be used to pay for expenses such as food, housing, course materials, technology needs, childcare, medical expenses, and other costs resulting from the campus disruption.”

HEERF II- CRRSAA Act

Within each communication, regarding HEERF II funds, students receive the following information and guidance regarding the use of their funds:

“HEERF II financial aid grants may be used for any component of the student’s cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to the coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care.”

Additionally, E-mail communication was sent to all students, prior to the awarding of funds, informing them of their option to apply HEERF II monies directly to their tuition account. Students wishing to do so were told to email their request to heerf@glit.edu. If request was received prior to the cutting of checks, the funds were directly posted to the student’s account. If the request was received after the student’s check was cut, the student was instructed to cash their check and then use any portion of the funds to make payment directly to the school who would then apply the funds to their student account.