

HIGHER EDUCATION EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND (HEERF)

STUDENT PORTION

Calhoun Community College

Award Number: P425E201206 - \$2,196,124 (1st Award Received 4/24/20)

Award Number: P425E201206 – 20A - \$2,196,124 (2nd Award Received 1/20/21)

Award Number: P425E201206 – 20B - \$9,034,858 (3rd Award Received 5/12/21)

Quarterly Report Ending September 30, 2021

1. Acknowledgement

Calhoun Community College acknowledges that the institution signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement that assures that at least 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act will be used to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students. The Certification and Agreement was signed on April 14, 2020 by Dr. Joe Burke, Interim President.

2. Amount of Funding Received

Calhoun Community College has received \$13,427,106 from the U.S. Department of Education for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

\$2,196,124 Award Number P425E201206 Received April 24, 2020

\$2,196,124 Award Number P425E201206 – 20A Received January 20, 2021

\$9,034,858 Award Number P425E201206 – 20B Received May 12, 2021

3. Amount of Funding Distributed to Students

As of June 30, 2021, Calhoun Community College has distributed \$11,698,654.28 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. There have been three different distributions to students-1) Spring 2020, 2) Spring 2021 and 3) Fall 2021. The Fall 2021 distributions listed in this report are through September 30, 2021. Additional Fall 2021 distributions will occur after September 30, 2021 as criteria is met and time is available for personnel to distribute more funds.

4. Estimated Number of Eligible Students

(NOTE: As of the date of this report (10/8/21), Emergency Financial Aid Grants have been awarded to students in Spring Semester, 2020, Spring Semester, 2021 and Fall Semester 2021). Based on College data for Spring Semester, 2020, 8,876 students were eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. (Note: This number will be updated when additional funds are awarded in spring 2021.)

Based on College data for Spring Semester, 2021, 7,784 students were eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under CRRSAA and ARP(a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.

Based on College data for Fall Semester, 2021, 8,044 students were eligible to receive

Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under ARP(a)(1) and (a)(4) programs. This student count was measured as of 8/31/2021 for the first round of Fall 2021 awards to be issued. The student count will change as more students register for the 2nd mini-term Fall classes and more awards are then processed (those totals will be in the quarterly report ending 12/31/2021).

5. Number of Students Who Have Received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant

Spring Semester, 2020 Grants: A total of 5,130 students received an Emergency Financial Aid Grants. A total of 2,230 students received \$428.10 and 2,900 students received \$428.09.

Spring Semester, 2021 Grants: A total of 7,784 students received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant. A total of 5,771 of these students received \$547.25 and 2,013 students received \$1,094.50 (based on the exceptional need criteria). Fall Semester, 2021: A total of 5,582 students have received \$750.00 each, as of 9/30/2021. These students elected to apply their stimulus grant directly to charges on their student account. Additional awards will be paid to students sometime after 9/30/2021, either directly to their student account via consent authorization form or direct payment via BankMobile.

6. Method Used to Determine Which Students Will Receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants

Spring Semester, 2020 Grants

The following method was used to determine which students will receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants in Spring 2020:

Step 1: Determine the total number of students enrolled Spring Semester, 2020 in college credit programs.

Step 2: Remove Dual Enrollment students due to ineligibility to meet requirements to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

Step 3: Remove incarcerated students who were not eligible to meet requirements to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

Step 4: Remove students who were enrolled exclusively in online classes, based on guidance from the Alabama Community College System.

Step 5: Divide the amount of grant funds available (\$2,196,124) evenly by the number of students remaining so that each eligible student receives the same amount.

Step 6: Notify students via email of their Emergency Financial Aid Grant award. These students will also receive a text message reminding them to check their college email account for instructions on the Emergency Financial Aid Grant. Grant awards will be completed electronically, whenever possible. However, for students wishing to receive a paper check by mail, the College will mail checks to the students' home address on file.

Spring Semester, 2021 Grants

The following method was used to determine which students will receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants in Spring 2021:

Step 1: Determine the total number of students enrolled Spring Semester, 2021 in college credit programs.

Step 2: Include Dual Enrollment students due to new eligibility rules afforded by CRRSSA.

Step 3: Include students who were enrolled exclusively in online classes, based on new CRRSSA rules.

Step 4: Remove students ineligible for the award according to CRRSSA rules (such as Undocumented, DACA, International).

Step 5: Issue direct payment of \$547.25 to all eligible students.

Step 6: Issue an additional \$547.25 to all eligible students that are eligible for Pell Grant funds, based on the CRRSSA requirement that institutions must prioritize students with exceptional need.

Step 7: Notify students via email of their Emergency Financial Aid Grant award. Grant awards will be completed electronically, whenever possible.

Fall Semester, 2021 Grants

The following method was used to determine which students will receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants in Fall 2021:

Step 1: Determine the total number of students enrolled Fall Semester, 2021 in college credit programs.

Step 2: Include Dual Enrollment students due to new eligibility rules afforded by CRRSSA.

Step 3: Include students who were enrolled exclusively in online classes, based on ARP/HEERF III rules.

Step 4: Remove Limestone Correctional Facility students.

Step 5: Issue direct payment (or apply to student account if consent form is signed) of \$750 to all eligible students. Direct payments will occur sometime after 9/30/2021.

Step 6: Issue an additional \$750.00 to all eligible students that are eligible for Pell Grant funds, based on the CRRSSA requirement that institutions must prioritize students with exceptional need. This additional award will occur sometime after 9/30/2021.

Step 7: Notify students via email of their Emergency Financial Aid Grant award. Grant awards will be completed electronically, whenever possible.

7. Directions/Guidance Provided to Students

Spring Semester, 2020 Grants

The following instructions were provided to students who receive the Emergency Financial Aid Grants: in Spring 2020:

“You have been awarded an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, Economic Security (CARES) Act. This grant is provided to you by the U.S. Department of Education for eligible expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the Coronavirus. Eligible expenses include food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care expenses. Your eligibility to receive the Emergency Financial Aid Grant was

determined by your enrollment in at least one class delivered in a traditional setting as of March 16, 2020. Your grant award will be paid according to the preference you have indicated through BankMobile. If you have not selected a preference or set up a BankMobile account, please visit RefundSelection.com and enter your Personal Code or choose to get a Personal Code. You may then choose your preferred delivery method. When an option is not selected, your check will be mailed and the delivery of your funds may take up to 21 days, depending upon USPS delivery timeframes. Should you choose not to select a refund option, please ensure your address on file is current in MyCalhoun so that your check will be mailed to the correct address and will not cause a delay in receiving your funds.”

Spring Semester, 2021 Grants

The following instructions were provided to students who receive the Emergency Financial Aid Grants: in Spring 2021:

“Calhoun Community College is excited to let you know that the college will be sending stimulus payments to students taking credit hour classes. Students who are enrolled for the Spring 2021 semester and who qualify under the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) will receive a stimulus grant payment. The stimulus grant is provided by the United States Department of Education for any component of a student’s cost of attendance (COA). Students may use the money for expenses including tuition, food, housing, course material, technology, healthcare and childcare.

Your grant award will be paid according to your refund preference indicated through BankMobile. We anticipate the stimulus grant payments will be released this week. BankMobile will send you an email once the college has released the funds to them along with a text alert but only if you authorized the text with them. The BankMobile email will inform you of your refund preference selection along with the estimated day and time that you will receive your funds in your account.

If you have not selected a preferred refund method with BankMobile at the time the payments are released, you will receive an email from BankMobile daily prompting you to select your preference. Please be certain to check all email accounts as well as email spam/junk folders. You will also receive another email from Calhoun providing detailed instructions on how to select your refund preference if you have not already done so. There is no need to contact the college, as we will use existing Spring 2021 enrollment information to determine eligibility and payment amounts.”

Fall Semester, 2021 Grants

Important Message to Students Enrolling in Credit Hour Classes at Calhoun for the Fall 2021 Semester

Our records indicate you qualify to receive a stimulus payment from the federal **Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III)** authorized by the **American Rescue Plan**. These federal funds are provided by the United States Department of Education to ensure

learning continues during the COVID-19 pandemic. Funds should 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. Calhoun Community College will issue \$750 in stimulus grant award payments to students who register and attend classes for the Fall 2021 semester. Students who have a 2021-2022 FAFSA on file (use 2019 tax returns) at Calhoun **may** qualify for additional funds up to a total of \$1500.

Students have two options to receive their emergency grant:

Option 1

Grant payments can be applied directly to your student account balance by consenting to the HEERF III/ARP Authorization Form through your [MyCalhoun](#) student account portal by August 30, 2021, using the following steps:

1. Login to your [MyCalhoun](#) portal using your Calhoun A-Number and your portal password, and into OneACCS using your Calhoun email and portal password. If you have problems logging in to your portal, contact the Help Desk at 256-306-2700 or you can email questions to helpdesk@calhoun.edu after standard business hours.
2. Select **Student**
3. Select **Student Landing Page**
4. Select **Make Payments, Deposits, and Payment Plans**
5. The Financial Responsibility Disclosure will appear for consent if you have not already completed it for Fall.
6. The HEERF III/ARP Authorization Form will appear for consent. Select your option of either I Agree or I Deny. If you have any questions regarding the Authorization Form, contact Student Accounts by emailing businessoffice@calhoun.edu.

Option 2

If you do not choose Option 1, you will receive your stimulus grant payment around mid to late October 2021. Grant awards will be paid according to the preference indicated through BankMobile. If you have not selected a preference or set up a BankMobile account, please visit: [the BankMobile website](#) and enter your Personal Code or click 'need a code' to receive a Personal Code. You may then select your preferred delivery method. If an option is not selected, check issuance will be delayed for 21-days, and you will receive a daily email from BankMobile requesting your preference selection. **Please check all of your email accounts, as well as your email's spam/junk folders.** Should you choose not to select a refund option during those 21 days, a check will be mailed to you. Please verify that your mailing address on file in BankMobile is current to avoid delays in receiving your check.