



December 31, 2021

RE: Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA), Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) II and III, Student Aid Portion

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) provides emergency funding to institutions to assist students in need during the coronavirus pandemic. In 2020, this funding was known as the CARES Act Funding

Vantage Career Center has received \$10,336 of HEERF II and \$79,702 of HEERF III funding for student aid. For the 2021-2022 school year, Vantage Career Center has established the HEERF CRRSAA Emergency Relief Fund to distribute grants ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 to eligible students to help cover expenses related to the cost of attendance (i.e., food, housing and utilities, health insurance including mental health care, transportation, or childcare) or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus.

Funds from the HEERF CRRSAA Emergency Relief Fund are not considered financial aid and do not affect a student's current or future financial aid eligibility. Per guidance from the federal government, priority will be given to students with exceptional need. Students identified as Pell eligible (those with an EFC between 0 to 5846 from their 2021-2022 FAFSA) are found to have exceptional need. Grants will also be disbursed to students who have experienced financial hardship related to the COVID pandemic. Students must complete the Application for Emergency Financial Aid Grant. The Enrollment Coordinator, Financial Aid Coordinator along with information posted on the school's website, gave information about the grants to current and incoming students.

Eligible students will meet the following requirements:

- Applicants must have completed high school or its equivalent.
- Be actively enrolled in a Vantage program that is 42 clock hours in length or longer that leads to a Certificate of Completion.
- Demonstrate need or financial strains related to the COVID Pandemic. Students who have completed the 2021-2022 FAFSA showing eligibility for a Pell Grant (an EFC of 0 to 5846) have demonstrated financial need and will NOT be required to provide additional documentation.
- Complete the Emergency Financial Aid Grant application and provide documentation if requested

Grant amounts to eligible students can range from \$500 to a maximum of \$5,000 based on their program.

<b><u>HEERF Emergency Grant Distribution Amount</u></b>	
	<b><u>Grant Amount</u></b>
Program Hours: 200 Hours or More	\$3,000 to \$5,000
	<b><u>Grant Amount</u></b>
Program Hours: 200 Hours or Less	\$500 one time grant

As of this date, the district has disbursed \$159,587.29 in grants to students from these funds. The amount of adult education students that were eligible, as of this date, was 130. The district disbursed funds to all 130 of these students to help them cover expenses related to the cost of attendance (i.e., food, housing and utilities, health insurance including mental health care, transportation, or childcare) or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus.

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In addition to the above information, the following guidance was given to students:

*Eligible students with an outstanding balance may elect to have their HEERF funds applied to their student account. To authorize Vantage Career Center to apply HEERF funds to your student account please contact the Financial Aid Office at 419-238-5411 Ext. 2110 or respond to this notice.*

*Eligible students that have elected to use Federal Direct Student Loan(s) to pay their program costs may elect to reduce their Federal Direct Student Loan(s) and have their HEERF funds applied to their student account. To authorize Vantage Career Center to reduce your Federal Direct Student Loan(s) and apply HEERF funds to your student account please contact the Financial Aid Office at 419-238-5411 Ext. or respond to this notice.*

*For questions or additional information, please contact the Financial Aid Office at 419-238-5411 Ext. 2110.*

*Enclosed, please find a check for your disbursement of HEERF Student Aid funds. These funds are NOT required to be repaid by you.*