

**College of the Siskiyous**  
**Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)**  
**Student Aid Portion Quarterly Report**  
**Quarter 4 (10/1/21-12/31/21)**

**1. An acknowledgement that a completed C&A was returned, and the assurance that funds were provided as emergency grants to students.**

College of the Siskiyous signed and returned a Certification & Agreement with the Department of Education to accept allocated funds from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Public Law 117-2. The ARP established and funded the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) to provide emergency financial aid grants. These critical funds help eligible College of the Siskiyous students cover expenses related to unanticipated travel, additional technology requirements, or other needs related to an emergency situation.

**2. Federal Emergency Aid Grant Reporting-total amount received from HEERF I, II & III**

- College of the Siskiyous received **\$392,630** in HEERF I funds
- College of the Siskiyous received **\$392,630** in HEERF II funds
- College of the Siskiyous received **\$1,728,432** in HEERF III funds

**3. The total amount of funds disbursed to students from all HEERF grants for the quarter & estimated number of students eligible for the quarter.**

As of December 31, 2021, College of the Siskiyous has received a total of **\$2,513,692** in student funds. The estimated total number of students potentially eligible to be considered to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants in Quarter 4 was **1270**. As of December 31, 2021, a total of **\$1,199,260** in HEERF funds have been disbursed to **2,980** students.

**4. Cumulative total and quarter total number of students who have received grants**  
**Cumulative Totals**

- College of the Siskiyous awarded **258** students a total of **\$392,630** from our HEERF I Grant Fund as of December 31, 2021
- College of the Siskiyous awarded **184** students a total of **\$392,630** from our HEERF II Grant Fund as of December 31, 2021
- College of the Siskiyous awarded **207** students a total of **\$414, 000** from our HEERF III Grant Fund as of December 31, 2021

**Quarter Totals**

- College of the Siskiyous awarded **0** students a total of **\$0** from our HEERF I Grant Fund during Quarter 3
- College of the Siskiyous awarded **0** students a total of **\$0** from our HEERF II Grant Fund during Quarter 3
- College of the Siskiyous awarded **206** student a total of **\$414,000** from our HEERF III Grant Fund during Quarter 3

#### **5. Federal Emergency Grant Criteria and Eligibility**

College of the Siskiyous made Federal HEERF III funds available through an online Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) Application. The following groups of students are eligible to receive HEERF III funds:

- Currently enrolled students
- International students
- DACA students

Students must have completed the online HEERF III application to be considered for an award. Unlike previous HEERF funding, College of the Siskiyous made the decision to award all eligible students who apply a grant in the amount of \$2000. Once applications have been reviewed and approved they are awarded to student accounts by a member of our CARES Act committee. The funds are then disbursed by our Business Office via BankMobile. Students who do not have access to BankMobile receive funds by check. Initially, students were only eligible to receive HEERF III funds one time, but based on significant need communicated from students who were originally awarded funds, our CARES Act committee made the decision to allow students to apply for a second round of funding.

#### **6. Guidance Provided to students concerning HEERF Emergency Grants**

### **College of the Siskiyous CARES Act Grant Application for Students**

**We know this is a challenging time for students and want to commend you for your continued resilience! We are here for you!**

Through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, College of the Siskiyous is able to offer financial assistance to students in need. The purpose of the funds is to award emergency financial aid grants to students for specific expenses that are a direct result of the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19.

College of the Siskiyous will be using an online application to assist us in determining eligible students to receive funding from the CARES Act funds allotted.

If you are a College of the Siskiyous student eligible for financial aid and/or eligible to complete a FAFSA and the COVID-19 pandemic has negatively impacted your personal financial situation, you can apply to receive up to \$2000.

If you have any **questions**, email: [financialaid@siskiyous.edu](mailto:financialaid@siskiyous.edu)

**Information was also relayed to students via our COS Connect texting service with a link to the online application at various times throughout the year.**