

College of the Siskiyous
Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)
Student Aid Portion Quarterly Report
Quarter 3 (7/1/21-9/30/21)

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 **September 30, 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 3 was **1270**. As of September 30, 2021, a total of **\$786,000** in HEERF funds have been disbursed to **443** 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 September 30, 2021
- College of the Siskiyous awarded **184** students a total of **\$392,630** from our HEERF II Grant Fund as of September 30, 2021
- College of the Siskiyous awarded **1** student a total of **\$740** from our HEERF III Grant Fund as of September 30, 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 **40** students a total of **\$79,260** from our HEERF II Grant Fund during Quarter 3
- College of the Siskiyous awarded **1** student a total of **\$740** from our HEERF III Grant Fund during Quarter 3

5. Federal Emergency Grant Criteria and Eligibility

College of the Siskiyous made Federal HEERF funds available through an online Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) Application.

- Funding formula created to award based on greatest need, as determined by set criteria per federal guidelines.
- Application created in order to award grants to only eligible students, as identified by federal regulations as identified by Federal Department of Education, pursuant to the HEA Code Section 484.
- Application will also serve as documentation to demonstrate compliance.
- All applications are verified to ensure student eligibility in addition to self-certification. This ensures all applicants meet eligibility criteria of HEA Section 484.
- Applications are reviewed by a grant award workgroup. Decisions regarding grant amount based on need per funding formula.
- Approved Applications are submitted to the Financial Aid Office and awarded to student accounts.
- The Business Office then sends out the CARES Grant Payments via BankMobile. Students that do not have a BankMobile account will receive their grant via check.

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

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.