

## **Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF) III Grant**

### **What is the HEERF III Grant?**

In March 2021, congressional leaders introduced and passed the American Rescue Plan (ARP), Public Law 117-2, providing \$39.6 billion in support to institutions of higher education to serve students.

### **Who qualifies to receive a HEERF III Grant?**

**Fletcher Technical Community College has chosen to follow eligibility guidelines to determine recipients:**

- Students with active enrollment (credit, non-credit, and adult education) in Fall 2021 as of September 28, 2021.

**The following students are excluded from receiving the HEERF Grant:**

- Prisoners
- High School/Dual Enrolled
- Visiting and non-matriculating students
- Cross-enrolled students whose "home institution" is not Fletcher.

In cases where a student is enrolled in two (2) or more LCTCS colleges, the college where the student is taking the most hours as of September 28, 2021 will award the funds. Such students should not receive more than one (1) payment per payment period.

### **When will students receive HEERF III funds?**

Students will receive their grants through their Bank Mobile account. Disbursement of grant funds will begin on 10/8/21 and should be completed by 10/15/21.

### **How will students receive HEERF III funds?**

If you have not previously set up your Bank Mobile Refund Choice you should do so now by following these steps:

1. Log into LoLA
2. Click on the Student tab (or menu option if on a mobile device)
3. Locate the "Student Accounts Section" (may need to scroll down if on a mobile device)
4. Click on the "Select Refund Choice" link
5. Follow any additional on-screen instructions that are provided

Students who have issues accessing or establishing this account should contact (985) 448-7900.

### **Changes to Your Family's Financial Situation:**

If you or your family's financial situation has changed significantly from what is reflected on your federal income tax return (for example, if you've lost a job or otherwise experienced a drop in income), you may be eligible to have your financial aid adjusted. Complete the FAFSA questions as instructed on the

application (including the transfer of tax return and income information), submit your FAFSA form, then contact us at [financialaid@fletcher.edu](mailto:financialaid@fletcher.edu) to discuss how your current financial situation has changed. Please note that the decision is final and cannot be appealed to the U.S. Department of Education.

**How can I use the funds?**

Students awarded a HEERF III Grant may use this award to pay for school or any component of the cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to COVID-19, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care), or childcare. It is important to note that this emergency financial aid grant does not have to be repaid. Students may also use the funds towards any unpaid balance at the college.

**Do the funds have to be repaid?**

No. These are emergency grant funds and do not need to be repaid.

**I know someone that goes to another college who received a different amount. Why is that?**

Every college received a different amount of funds from the United States Department of Education. Because each college had a different amount of money and a different number of eligible students, grant amounts will vary by college.