

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) 2021, and the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act granted funds to institutions through the Higher Education Relief Fund (HEERF). Institutions must use a percentage of these funds to provide emergency grants to students for any component of the cost of attendance or expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Eligible expenses include housing, food, technology, course-related, medical, and child-care.

Shawnee State University signed and submitted the Certification and Agreement Form for the CARES funds on April 20, 2020.

Shawnee State University received the following HEERF funding for student grants.

CARES - \$1,786,455

CRRSAA - \$1,786,455

ARP - \$4,792,559

Report of Expenditures from Student Portion of HEERF Funds

Date	Number of Students	Amount of Awards
June 11, 2020	515	\$363,799
June 23, 2020	68	\$50,255
June 30, 2020	147	\$92,874
July 16, 2020	24	\$16,035
July 29, 2020	6	\$4,175
August 18, 2020	12	\$9,040
September 1, 2020	24	\$13,127
September 15, 2020	18	\$13,480
October 5, 2020	702	\$1,223,670
May 5, 2021	24	\$19,200
May 6, 2021	2554	\$1,686,450
October 26, 2021	4	\$5,250
October 28, 2021	17	\$33,000
October 29, 2021	50	\$106,000
October 31, 2021	50	\$100,750
November 2, 2021	1	\$1,500
November 5, 2021	2	\$4,500
November 7, 2021	978	\$1,878,000
November 18, 2021	140	\$238,500
November 23, 2021	18	\$37,000
December 13, 2021	2	\$3,500
December 14, 2021	3	\$7,500
December 20, 2021	1	\$2,500
March 11, 2022	1071	\$2,063,250
March 17, 2022	135	\$250,750
March 24, 2022	75	\$128,250

CARES Act/HEERF I

All HEERF I (CARES Act) funds were expended as of October 5, 2020.

An online application opened on Monday, May 11, 2020. The application deadline is Sunday, May 31, 2020. A review of applications will take place after the deadline.

Students (2612) who met the following eligibility criteria received an email notification.

- Filed a FAFSA for the 2019-2020 or 2020-2021 academic year
- Have been enrolled on March 31, 2020 at SSU for the spring 2020 semester as an undergraduate or graduate degree-seeking student
- Not enrolled as an e-campus program (no face-to-face classes) for the spring 2020 semester
- Have a valid social security number
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
- If male, be registered for selective service
- Have a high school diploma, GED, or completed high school in an approved homeschool setting
- Making satisfactory academic progress
- Not in default on a federal student loan

The email sent to students is as follows:

Shawnee CARES Grants (subject line)

From: Office of the President

I'm happy to announce that the application for Shawnee CARES Grants will be available on Monday, May 11 for students currently enrolled in spring semester.

These grants are intended to help defray certain expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus pandemic. Shawnee CARES grants are funded by the federal Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act and will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis while funds are available. Application requests will be considered up to a maximum of \$1,200, however, the full amount of a request cannot be guaranteed.

The funds can be used to cover expenses due to COVID-19 for housing, food, technology, course-related, medical, and childcare. Eligibility requirements have been posted online at: <https://www.shawnee.edu/shawnee-cares>

To apply, visit [MySSU](#) and complete the Shawnee CARES Grant Application located on the Financial Aid tab. Applications will be accepted through the end of business May 31, 2020.

A second application was offered beginning September 9, 2020. Applications were reviewed based on the date they were submitted until the funds were exhausted. Students who were potentially eligible were sent the email listed below.

Shawnee CARES Grant Extended to Fall 2020 (subject line)

From: Office of Financial Aid

Dear Student,

I want to let you know that we are offering Shawnee CARES Grants to students currently enrolled in fall semester and encourage you to apply.

Shawnee CARES is a student emergency grants program that was established in the spring to help with certain student expenses related to the disruption of campus due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Funds can be used to cover expenses such as housing, food, technology, course-related, medical, and childcare. Eligibility requirements have been posted online at: www.shawnee.edu/shawnee-cares.

All degree-seeking students enrolled in an on-ground program during the Fall 2020 Semester at Shawnee State University (even if your courses were moved to hybrid or online) are eligible to apply for a Shawnee CARES grant. Please review the complete list of requirements prior to applying for the grant.

The program is funded by the federal Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Grants are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis while funds are available. Application requests will be considered up to a maximum of \$2,375 however, the full amount of a request cannot be guaranteed.

To apply, visit MySSU and complete the Shawnee CARES Grant Application found under the Financial Aid tab.

For more information, email fin_aid@shawnee.edu.

Thank you and best wishes for your fall semester,

Nicole Neal
Director of Financial Aid

CRRSAA/HEERF II

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) 2021 was awarded to 2578 eligible students who attended spring semester 2021. SSU awarded funds based on the student's Expected Family Contribution (EFC) as outlined below.

EFC	Full-time	Part-time
0	1600	800
1-2190	1100	550
2191-5711	600	300
5712-99999	300	150
No FAFSA	300	150

The students had the ability to have the funds applied to their tuition or have the funds paid directly to them. The following email was sent to all eligible students.

Dear Student,

I'm pleased to announce that Shawnee State received funding through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) to make awards to students from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF).

These funds can be used for any component of your cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health) or childcare. Awards were determined based on your enrollment and FAFSA status.

You will receive \$XXX. Funds will be released by Friday May 7.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at 740-351-3140 or by email at nneal@shawnee.edu if you have any questions about these funds.

Sincerely,

Nicole Neal
Director, Financial Aid

The following email was sent as a follow-up to address two frequently asked questions.

Dear Student,

I wanted to send a follow-up email to address the two most frequently asked questions. If have you have other questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Nicole Neal
Director, Financial Aid

Q: How will I receive HEERF Funds?

A: HEERF funds will be issued using the refund preference you designated through BankMobile. If you have not selected a refund preference, I would encourage you to do so by Tuesday, May 4. You can visit the BankMobile site by logging into your MySSU account, clicking on the Student tab, selecting Billing Information on the menu on the left, and selecting the BankMobile link.

Q: Do I have to complete an application?

A: There is no additional application required to receive HEERF Funds.

ARP/HEERF III

An online application opened on Friday, October 22, 2021. The application deadline was November 15, 2021. An ongoing review of applications began on October 25, 2021.

Emails were sent to 2585 eligible students for Fall 2021 encouraging them to apply for the funds. Copies of the emails sent are below.

Initial Email

Dear «FIRST»,

I'm happy to announce that the application for Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds from the American Rescue Plan Act is now available for those seeking an Associate or Bachelor degree and enrolled in Fall semester.

The grant can be used for any component of the cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care.

Funds will be prioritized based on need and awarded on a first-come, first-served basis while available. Amounts will be based on the expected family contribution (EFC) from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and your current enrollment status. You will be notified by email if you are awarded the grant funds.

Please visit the [online application](#) to request the grant. Applications will be available until **November 15, 2021**.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Follow-up Email

Dear «FIRST»,

Earlier today I sent an email announcing the application for HEERF III American Rescue Plan grant funds. I inadvertently left out graduate students from the email. I am pleased to inform you that graduate degree seeking students are eligible to apply for these funds. Please submit your application early as funds are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. The deadline to submit the application is November 15. Applications will be reviewed beginning next week. Once

Please feel free to contact me with any additional questions.

An online application opened on February 28, 2022. The application deadline was March 31, 2022. An ongoing review of applications began on March 7, 2022.

Emails were sent to 2366 eligible students for Spring 2022 encouraging them to apply for the funds. Copies of the emails sent are below.

Dear «FIRST»,

I'm happy to announce that the application for Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds from the American Rescue Plan Act is now available.

The criteria for the HEERF funds are listed below.

- Seeking an Associate, Bachelor, or graduate degree.
- Enrolled full or part-time in Spring 2022.
- Received a Pell Grant OR faced significant unexpected expenses due to COVID-19 OR had loss of employment, reduced income, food insecurity or housing insecurity.

The grant can be used for any component of the cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care.

Funding is limited and will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis while available. Award amounts will be based on the expected family contribution (EFC) from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and your current enrollment status. Funds can be sent directly to you or applied to your student account. You will be notified by email if you are awarded the grant funds.

Please visit the [online application](#) to request the grant. You may complete only one application. Application review will begin on March 7 and will continue to be reviewed weekly until funds are exhausted or March 31.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 awards were prioritized based on the EFC and enrollment status of the student. SSU awarded funds based on the following chart.

EFC	Full-time	Part-time
0	3000	1500
1-2190	2500	1250
2191-5711	2000	1000
5712-99999	1500	750
No FAFSA	1000	500