



## Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF II) Reporting

### Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

On January 14, 2021, The U.S. Department of Education announced additional funding will be available to higher education institutions to ensure learning continues for students during the pandemic. The Culinary Institute of America (CIA) was notified and received funds for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under Section 18002(a)(1) of CRRSAA.

The CIA received \$1,498,627 from the Department of Education to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under the CARES Act (HEERF II). As of April 5, 2021, the CIA has distributed \$1,400,450 approximately 94% of the Emergency Financial Aid Grants directly to students. The remaining \$98,177 approximately 6% was reserved to provide for additional grant allocations for “emergency requests.” Students were able to submit additional documentation to be considered for additional emergency funding due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The CIA used the presence of a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine who would qualify for the HEERF II grants based on their Expected Family Contribution (EFC). Priority was given to the neediest students based on EFC.

The total number of students who were awarded and received Emergency Financial Aid Grants under HEERF II was 1,303.

The CIA determined students who would qualify for the grants based on the FAFSA Expected Family Contribution (EFC) for all undergraduate students who were enrolled in classes in the Spring 2021 semester. No application was necessary for students to receive the initial distribution of Emergency Financial Aid Grants under HEERF II. To award the funds the CIA set an EFC maximum of \$24,999 based on the students 2020–2021 FAFSA. Awards ranged from \$750 to \$1,400 based on EFC.

The CIA had reserved some funding for emergency situations that might arise. Students who received HEERF II funds were able to apply for additional funding by providing documentation to support such request. Students were notified of the additional funding granted on April 28, 2021. Instructions, guidance, and directions provided by the Institution to students concerning these grant funds, as well as a description of qualifying levels, is posted within the secure student portal FAQ page. A copy of the notice with guidance concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants sent to the students can be [viewed here](#).