



## **SCC Financial Aid Office Update:**

### **America Rescue Plan Act (ARP)**

*Updated 07/15/2022*

The America Rescue Plan Act, a Federal Law enacted by Congress on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021, provides supplemental funds to assist students in need during the pandemic. This assistance is known as the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III). Spartanburg Community College (SCC) regular curriculum students enrolled in the 2021 fall semester who meet the qualifications below, will receive a disbursement from the HEERF III funds. If the student has set up direct deposit with the College, the funds will be sent to the designated account. Students not on direct deposit will be mailed a physical check which will have a stale date of 30 days. Should you have questions please use the contact information below.

**For qualification questions, contact:** (864) 592-4180 or [FA-Questions@sccsc.edu](mailto:FA-Questions@sccsc.edu)

**For disbursement questions, contact:** (864) 592-4665 (leave message) or [BusinessOffice@sccsc.edu](mailto:BusinessOffice@sccsc.edu)

#### **Q: Who qualifies for the CARES Act Funds?**

A: To be eligible for a HEERF III disbursement you must meet all the following criteria:

- 1) You must have been enrolled in curriculum courses during the term of the HEERF III disbursement.
- 2) You must be a regular curriculum student. You cannot be a dual enrollment student.
- 3) You must meet specific term requirements (see How do I know how much I will be awarded?)

Students who are **NOT** eligible for HEERF II include but are not limited to:

- Dual enrollment students are not eligible.
- Students who were not enrolled during the semester or who dropped all their classes during the drop/add period for the term the HEERF III is being disbursed.

#### **Q: How and when will I receive the disbursement?**

A: Students who already have direct deposit established with the College will receive their supplemental funds by direct deposit and if not, a check will be mailed to the address you have on record at SCC. If you receive a physical check, it **MUST** be cashed within 30 days. Checks not cashed within 30 days will be voided and are **NOT** required to be reissued. Funds from voided checks will go back into the HEERF III account and be awarded to other students.

**Q: How can I use the disbursement?**

A: According to the U.S. Department of Education, HEERF III can be used for expenses related to the cost of college attendance such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and childcare. The HEERF regulations do not require you submit documentation of how the funds were used, but it is highly advisable you document how you spent the funds and keep any receipts for future reference.

**Q: How do I know how much I will be awarded?**

A: The per credit hour rates for the 2021-2022 terms are listed below. The credit hours used are the credit hours you were enrolled in as of the census date of the term.

|                                                                                                   |      |
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| 2021 Fall Term                                                                                    |      |
| Awarded a Pell Grant for the 21-22 award year and EFC is equal to zero.                           | \$75 |
| DACA Students                                                                                     | \$75 |
| Not awarded a Pell Grant for the 21-22 award year and EFC is equal to zero.                       | \$70 |
| Awarded a Pell Grant for the 21-22 Award year and EFC is between 1 to 5846                        | \$65 |
| Not awarded a Pell Grant for the 21-22 Award year and EFC is between 1 to 5846                    | \$60 |
| Not awarded a Pell Grant and EFC is greater than 5846 and family income is \$120,000 or less      | \$55 |
| Not awarded a Pell Grant and EFC is greater than 5846 and family income is greater than \$120,000 | \$50 |
| No EFC                                                                                            | \$45 |

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| 2022 Spring Term                                                                                  |      |
| Awarded a Pell Grant for the 21-22 award year and EFC is equal to zero.                           | \$85 |
| DACA Students                                                                                     | \$85 |
| Not awarded a Pell Grant for the 21-22 award year and EFC is equal to zero.                       | \$82 |
| Awarded a Pell Grant for the 21-22 Award year and EFC is between 1 to 5846                        | \$77 |
| Not awarded a Pell Grant for the 21-22 Award year and EFC is between 1 to 5846                    | \$70 |
| Not awarded a Pell Grant and EFC is greater than 5846 and family income is \$120,000 or less      | \$60 |
| Not awarded a Pell Grant and EFC is greater than 5846 and family income is greater than \$120,000 | \$55 |
| No EFC                                                                                            | \$50 |

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| 2022 Summer Term                                                                                  |         |
| EFC is equal to zero, Pell Grant was disbursed for 2022 Summer term, Enrolled in 1-16 credit hrs. | \$40.00 |
| EFC is equal to zero, Pell Grant was disbursed for 2022 Summer term, Enrolled in 17 credit hrs.   | \$46.01 |
| EFC is equal to zero, Pell Grant was disbursed for 2022 Summer term, Enrolled in 18 credit hrs.   | \$52.00 |
| EFC is equal to zero, Pell Grant was disbursed for 2022 Summer term, Enrolled in 19+ credit hrs.  | \$55.00 |

**Q: Will my disbursement be applied towards any outstanding balances I may still owe the College?**

A: These funds can be applied towards any outstanding balance you have for the 2021 fall and 2022 spring terms IF you completed and submitted a HEERF III Balance Due Authorization form. This option will not be available for the 2022 summer term. Please note you can pay any balance due from any previous term on your own using the HEERF III monies you receive.

**Q: Will I be required to pay this money back?**

A: No, these are emergency assistance funds, and you will not be required to pay them back.