



**Department of Education Required Disclosures for the
Receipt and Use of CARES Act Funds
District Update – June 30, 2021**

HEERF I

An acknowledgment that the school signed and returned the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution used—or intends to use—at least 50 percent of the CARES Act funds received for emergency grants to students.

The San Mateo County Community College District (Cañada College, College of San Mateo and Skyline College) signed the Certification and Agreement on April 30, 2020. The three colleges will allot 75% of the CARES Act funds received for emergency grants to students. Of these funds 67% were disbursed in the Spring 2020 semester and 33% were disbursed in the Fall 2020 semester. As needed, additional funds were reallocated from institutional funds to support emergency grants.

The total amount of funds a school received—or will receive—from the Department of Education.

- Cañada College – \$1,098,544
- College of San Mateo – \$2,042,860
- Skyline College – \$2,491,579

The total amount of emergency grants distributed to students as of June 30, 2021.

- Cañada College – \$855,790
- College of San Mateo – \$1,531,900
- Skyline College – \$1,863,701

* Cañada College allocated additional institutional funding towards grants in the fall 2020 semester.

The estimated number of students eligible to participate in the emergency grant program (the number of Title IV eligible students under Section 484 of the Higher Education Act).

- Cañada College – 3,362
- College of San Mateo – 6,176
- Skyline College – 6,546

The total number of students who have received emergency grants under the CARES Act as of June 30, 2021.

- Cañada College – 1,077
- College of San Mateo – 1,895
- Skyline College – 2,222

The method(s) used to determine which students received the emergency grants and how much they received.

Spring 2020 – Students may be eligible if they meet the following requirements:

- Completed a FAFSA for 2019-2020, or,
- Eligible to complete a FAFSA for 2019-2020
 - Have a valid Social Security Number
 - Have registered with selective service (males only)
 - Have a high school diploma, GED, or equivalent
 - Are a citizen or eligible non-citizen
 - Registered in spring 2020 courses on or after March 13, 2020
 - Students in programs leading to a degree or certificate

Students ineligible to receive funds:

- International student
- Undocumented student
- Non-matriculated student
- Enrolled in online-only degree programs (SMCCCD's colleges do not have degree programs that are fully online)
- Dropped all courses prior to March 13, 2020

Grant Amount:

- Pell Recipients:
 - \$1100 Full-Time (12+ units)
 - \$800 Part-Time (6-11.5 units)
- Non-Pell Recipients:
 - \$650 Full-Time (12+ units)
 - \$500 Part-Time (6-11.5 units)

Fall 2020 – Students may be eligible if they meet the following requirements:

For U.S. citizens and eligible non-citizens:

- Completed a FAFSA for 2020-2021, or,
- Eligible to complete a FAFSA for 2020-2021
 - Have a valid Social Security Number
 - Have registered with Selective Service (males only)
 - Have a high school diploma, GED, or equivalent
 - Are a citizen or eligible non-citizen

- Registered in fall 2020 courses on or after September 8, 2020
- Students in programs leading to a degree or certificate

Grant Amount:

- Pell Recipients:
 - \$1,100 Full-Time (12+ units)
 - \$800 Part-Time (6-11.5 units)
- Non-Pell Recipients:
 - \$650 Full-Time (12+ units)
 - \$500 Part-Time (6-11.5 units)

For Undocumented students (per [Legal Advisory 2020-07](#)):

- Completed a CADAA for 2020-2021, or,
- Completed a Supplemental Form
 - Have registered with Selective Service (males only)
 - Have a high school diploma, GED, or equivalent
 - Registered in fall 2020 courses on or after September 8, 2020
 - Students in programs leading to a degree or certificate

Students ineligible to receive funds:

- International student
- Non-matriculated student
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- Dropped all courses prior to September 9, 2020

Grant Amount:

- \$650 Full-Time (12+ units)
- \$500 Part-Time (6-11.5 units)

Note: For students who do not claim their full or partial award, funds will be canceled and re-awarded to another student. However, this is done only after multiple attempts at communicating with the student. One communication includes a 10-day final notice that funds will be canceled if they don't claim their award refund. For students who only claim a portion of their award, their total award will differ from the amounts listed above.

Spring 2020 Phases of Awarding:

- Phase 1
 - Students identified as Pell recipients, homeless, former foster youth, veterans and/or non-Pell FAFSA filers.
- Phase 2

- Remaining CARES Funds will be determined by CARES Grant Supplemental form for non-FAFSA filers. Awarding will continue through Fall 2020 semester.

Fall 2020 Phases of Awarding:

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- Phase 2
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Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided to students concerning the emergency grants.

All students received a notification when they were awarded HEERF funds. The notification explained what the money could be used for, refund options, and which students need to submit documentation.

Students that need to submit additional documentation include FAFSA eligible students without a FAFSA with the college (s) and undocumented students without Selective Service verification. These students received a separate notification instructing them to complete CARES Grant Supplemental Form to determine eligibility.

HEERF II

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) is authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Public Law 116-260, signed into law on Dec. 27, 2020. In total, the CRRSAA authorizes \$81.88 billion in support for education, in addition to the \$30.75 billion expeditiously provided last spring through the Coronavirus Aid, Recovery, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136.

The San Mateo County Community College District (Cañada College, College of San Mateo and Skyline College) received \$13,361,763 and will allot 54% of the CRRSAA HEERF II funds received for emergency grants to students. Of these funds, between 82-85% will be disbursed in the Spring 2021 semester and 12-15% will be disbursed in the Fall 2021 semester. As needed, additional funds may be reallocated from institutional funds to support emergency grants.

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The method(s) used to determine which students received the emergency grants and how much they received.

Spring 2021 – Initial awarding based on students needing to meet Federal Title IV eligibility (since removed May 17, 2021):

- Completed a FAFSA for 2020-2021, or,
- Eligible to complete a FAFSA for 2020-2021
 - Have a valid Social Security Number
 - Have registered with selective service (males only)
 - Have a high school diploma, GED, or equivalent
 - Are a citizen or eligible non-citizen?
 - Registered in spring 2021 at least half-time (6 or more units) on February 8, 2021
 - Still registered in spring 2021 in any number of units at time of awarding
 - Students in programs leading to a degree or certificate

Title IV eligibility requirements removed from awarding criteria per “Eligibility To Receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students Under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Programs” – a Rule by the Education Department [May 14, 2021, 86 FR 26608](#) (final rule).

Students ineligible to receive funds:

- Dropped all courses prior to February 8, 2021
- Students enrolled as special admission high school students

Grant Amount:

- Pell Recipients:
 - \$1,650 Full-Time (12+ units)
 - \$1,200 Part-Time (6-11.5 units)
- Non-Pell Recipients:
 - \$975 Full-Time (12+ units)
 - \$750 Part-Time (6-11.5 units)

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canceled if they don't claim their award refund. For students who only claim a portion of their award, their total award will differ from the amounts listed above.

Spring 2021 Phases of Awarding through March 31, 2021:

- Phase 1
 - Pell recipients including homeless, former foster youth, and veterans with self-certification Title IV eligibility if a non-FAFSA filer
- Phase 2
 - Non-Pell FAFSA filers
 - California College Promise Grant (CCPG) recipients

Spring 2021 Phases of Awarding after May 17, 2021:

- Phase 1
 - Pell recipients including homeless, former foster youth, and veterans with self-certification Title IV eligibility if a non-FAFSA filer
- Phase 2
 - Non-Pell FAFSA filers
 - California College Promise Grant (CCPG) recipients
- Phase 3 – After May 17
 - Students demonstrating financial need based on application type (FAFSA, CADAA or CCPG) and Cost of Attendance or self-certification of COVID-19 financial impact

Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided to students concerning the emergency grants.

All students received a notification when they were awarded HEERF II funds. The notification explained what the money could be used for, refund how to check their award status to determine if the student needs to submit documentation of a COVID-19 financial impact.

Reporting Guidelines: <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/heerfreporting.html>