



# HIGHER EDUCATION EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND CERTIFICATION FORM

The United States Department of Education created a second relief program to disburse emergency financial aid grants through the **Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) created by the Corona-virus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA)**. The fund allocates emergency relief funding for eligible postsecondary students across the country to address the financial hardship of students due to the disruption of campus operations.

Although the money is funded by the Federal government, individual institutions are managing the eligibility, approval process and the distribution of funds. Please be aware that any money awarded from this grant is to be used for expenses under a student’s cost of attendance in the calculation of Federal Financial Aid, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, childcare and tuition.

PIA may provide emergency financial aid grants directly to students using our normal process for providing a credit balance to students (physical check). As always, students have discretion about how they receive their grants and PIA must receive affirmative consent from students before using emergency financial aid grants to satisfy a student’s outstanding tuition account balance.

It has been determined that you are eligible for the HEERF II funds because your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) was \$15,000 or below on the 2020/21 FAFSA. The grant is \$670. If you received a 2020-2021 PELL grant, you are eligible to receive an additional \$312. If you accept the grant, please complete this form, and return it to your Campus Director or Campus Coordinator by noon on Thursday, July 29, 2021.

Currently, undocumented, DACA, and International students are not eligible to receive the emergency financial grant. The United States Department of Education is exploring additional opportunities through other agencies to assist those students.

Please complete the certification form. Completing the certification form acknowledges your acceptance of the emergency financial aid grant, confirms your eligibility for these funds, confirms that you have experienced negative financial impact due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and confirms that you understand your responsibility to use these funds for qualified expenses as listed above. Please confirm if you want a check or if you would like the grant directly applied to your tuition account.

Last 4 Digits of SSN \_\_\_\_\_

Print Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Please select one:            Check            Apply grant to my outstanding tuition balance

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_