

CARES/CRRSAA/ARP HEERF I/II Grants



Emergency funds through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act are available to enrolled students with exceptional need in Fall Quarter 2021.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSAA) Act and the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act funds the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF I/II) grants at Northwest Indian College and provides emergency financial assistance to eligible students who are experiencing hardship due to the coronavirus that could adversely affect their educational success.

NWIC's signed and returned CARES/CRRSAA/ARP Institutional Agreement provides assurance and states that it will use \$201,984 in CARES, \$201,984 in CRRSSA and \$797,461 in ARP funds to provide emergency financial aid grants to students.

Emergency Student Awards

	HEERF I	HEERF II	HEERF III
Federal Act	CARES	CRRSAA	ARP
Total NWIC Award	\$201,984	\$201,984	\$797,461
Total Eligible Students	429	Estimated 621	Students with exceptional need as a result of the coronavirus
Total HEERF Awarded*	\$201,984	\$201,984	\$188,256
Total Students Receiving Monies*	429	618	618
Average Total Student Award*	\$500	\$631	\$631

Emergency financial aid in the total amount of \$390,240 was disbursed to 618 students using criteria posted under 2019-2020 CARES Act Emergency Aid on <https://www.nwic.edu/life-oncampus/student-financial-aid/caresact-emergency-aid/>

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The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act makes emergency financial aid grants available to eligible students experiencing exceptional need. If approved for funding, students can apply grant monies towards their NWIC cost of attendance and/or towards other emergency costs that have arisen as a result of the Corona virus.

Students enrolled in Fall quarter 2021 may apply for the awards by contacting Student Services or the Financial Aid Office.

Funding is not guaranteed to applicants, and we recommend that students seek additional assistance from other sources while at NWIC.

Eligibility for CARES/CRRSAA/ARP HEERF I, and II Funds:

Students must be enrolled at NWIC for Fall Quarter 2021.

Students must be in need of emergency assistance towards their NWIC cost of attendance, and/or with emergency costs, due to experiencing exceptional circumstances that have arisen as a result of the coronavirus. Method used to determine exceptional need is Pell Grant eligibility in combination with individual circumstance reviewed by the Financial Aid Office.

Eligibility for funds must be established by the Financial Aid office in accordance with NWIC's review policy. <https://www.nwic.edu/life-oncampus/student-financial-aid/caresact-emergency-aid/> All enrolled students are eligible to apply for this funding.

Changes to your Family's Financial Situation

If you or your family's financial situation has recently changed significantly from what is reflected on your federal income tax form, such as you were recently married or divorced, lost your job, or otherwise experienced a considerable drop in income (25% or more), or you have an unborn child on the way, you may be eligible to have your financial aid adjusted. Please contact the Financial Aid Office at FinancialAid@NWIC.edu or 360-392-4263. Office hours and contacts to make an appointment with a financial aid counselor can be found on the NWIC website www.nwic.edu.

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