

## HEERF III Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What is HEERF III grant?

A. The Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF III) through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP), Public Law 117-2, signed into Law by President Joe Biden on March 11, 2021. It provides \$39.6 billion in support to institutions of higher education to serve students and ensure learning continues during the COVID 19 pandemic. Coastal Bend College has received a total of \$4.3 million in HEERF III grant allocation. HEERF III grants can be used for any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, healthcare or childcare. The HEERF III grant does not have to be paid back.

Q. Who is eligible to receive a HEERF III Grant?

A. HEERF II grants are available to Coastal Bend College students who are enrolled in at least one credit hour or enrolled in Continuing Education (CE) class.

Q. Are dual credits eligible to receive HEERF III grant?

A. Yes

Q. Do I have to be enrolled in Fall 2021, Spring 2022 to receive HEERF III grant?

A. Yes

Q. How do I apply for HEERF III grant?

A. The application is available on the CARES Reporting Site on the website.

Q. When will HEERF III money be refunded?

A. We will be processing refunds every Thursday after census date.

Q. If I am eligible for HEERF III grant, how will I get my refund?

A. HEERF III grants will be disbursed electronically via your Bank Mobile refund preference.

Q. I am an undocumented and or DACA student, am I eligible to apply for a HEERF III grant?

A. Yes, you are eligible to apply for a HEERF III grant.

Q. How will I know if I was awarded HEERF III grant?

A. Your checklist on Cougar Den will be updated with HEERF III award.

Q. What is the difference between a HERF3 and CARE3 grant?

A. CARE3 grants are disbursed directly to the student and HERF3 grants will pay a balance before disbursing remaining funds to the student.

Q. If I have a balance on my Coastal Bend College tuition account, will the balance be automatically paid?

A. No. The total amount of the HEERF III grant will be disbursed to your refund preference via your Bank Mobile account. If you would like the HEERF III grant to be applied to a current or previous balance that was incurred after March 13, 2020, please answer question 8 on the application.

Any additional questions?

Coastal Bend College Financial Aid office is available to assist you with any questions about HEERF III grant. You may reach them at [finaid@coastalbend.edu](mailto:finaid@coastalbend.edu) or 361-354-2238.