

Galen College of Nursing signed and submitted the required Certification Agreement to the Department of Education to participate in both the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) II (CRSSA) and the HEERF III (American Rescue Plan). The institution has received \$9,046,172 to provide emergency relief funds directly to students. These funds are intended to assist students with expenses generally incurred by college students such as housing, transportation, personal or books/supplies and may also be used to cover emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus such as: tuition, food, housing, health care and childcare.

The College estimates that approximately 8,200 students are eligible to apply for emergency relief funding under these programs. As of March 31, \$8,065,360 has been awarded to 7,076 eligible students. These funds were awarded through student application and employee referral.

Based on guidance published by the Department of Education, institutions are required to prioritize grants to students with exceptional financial need, such as those who receive Pell Grants. In November 2021, an Emergency Grant Program was established by the College to distribute the remaining HEERF III funds. The intent of this program is to award and distribute grant funds to students who are in crisis and in need of financial assistance to continue their educational journey. These students are identified and referred by employees across the entire College. Referrals are sent for Committee approval and final award determination. Once award is approved by Committee, monetary awards are mailed directly to the student. Individual awards under this program may not exceed \$2000.