



# CENTRAL ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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## GREAT NEWS!

The recently enacted Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, which was passed by Congress and signed into law, provides funding to colleges and universities through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF). The HEERF program allows institutions to provide emergency financial grants to students for specific expenses related to cost of attendance that were a direct result of the disruption of campus operations due to the national COVID-19 pandemic.

Student eligibility for HEERF grant funds was determined by Central Alabama Community College (CACC) based on guidance from the U.S. Department of Education's HEERF Funding Certification and Agreement, HEERF Student FAQs, Sections 18004(a)(1) and 18004(c) of the CARES Act, and Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act (HEA) of 1965, as amended.

In addition to information contained in your student record, your completed 2019-2020 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) was used to determine the necessary information for identifying basic eligibility criteria outlined in Section 484 of the Higher Education Act (HEA).

Based on this review, you meet the qualifications to receive a HEERF grant award. Your award check is included with this correspondence and was calculated based on your enrollment and/or reported participation. Realizing every eligible student was impacted from the transition to an 100% online instructional delivery method, CACC recognized students with larger enrollment loads would experience a greater expense in transitioning to remote online instruction. Taking this into consideration, CACC established the following funding tiers based on verified attendance/participation as of March 13, 2020:

- Tier 1 – Full-time status (12 or more semester credit hours) - \$850.00
- Tier 2 – Three-quarter time status (9-11 semester credit hours) - \$650.00
- Tier 3 – Half-time status (6-8 semester credit hours) - \$450.00
- Tier 4 – Less than half-time status (5 semester credit hours or less) - \$250.00

Students will have thirty (30) days from the date of this letter to question award level or eligibility status determination. Additional information regarding the HEERF funds is available on the College website at <https://www.cacc.edu/higher-education-emergency-relief-grant/>. All questions or concerns regarding HEERF funds should be directed to HEERF@cacc.edu.

CACC appreciates your work and commitment to completing your educational dreams and is committed to supporting your success!

Stay safe and healthy!

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