



LATC Students,

February 25, 2021

This is to inform you that as a Lake Area Tech student you are receiving a HEERF II grant to help defray costs and hardships you have incurred due to COVID.

It's been almost one year since we started dealing with the COVID pandemic. I couldn't be prouder of how all of you have handled the past year. Many of you had to complete the remainder of the Spring 2020 semester in an on-line environment. You're doing your part to safeguard our at-risk population and containing any virus spread within our college. This school year some of you have had to do class work from home while you were quarantined or recovering. We realize it isn't easy and you'd rather be on campus but thank you for doing your part in protecting others.

On December 27, 2020, the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) was authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), and signed into law by former President Trump. In total, the CRRSAA authorized \$81.88 billion in support for education. LATC is required to spend at least \$884,081 in emergency financial aid grants to students. The HEERF II funds have slightly different requirements than the CARES Act Emergency Grant funds we disbursed to students in the past year.

**How did Lake Area Tech determine the HEERF II awards?** The funds were to be prioritized for high need students. We reviewed students who were enrolled as of February 8, 2021. Our funding model consisted of the following criteria:

CATEGORIES OF STUDENTS	AWARD AMOUNT
<i>Students Enrolled at Least Half-Time (6 or more credits)</i>	
Pell Grant Eligible	\$700
Non-Pell Grant Eligible (This included those students who did not complete a 20-21 FAFSA.)	\$475
<i>Students Enrolled Less-Than-Half-Time (less than 6 credits)</i>	
Pell Grant Eligible	\$250
Non-Pell Grant Eligible (This included those students who did not complete a 20-21 FAFSA.)	\$150

This is a grant and does not have to be repaid. It does not count as part of your financial aid package. **We did not deduct from the grant award any outstanding Tuition and Fees or other charges that you may still owe LATC.**

If you have specific questions about the HEERF II Student Emergency Grant, please do not hesitate to contact one of the following Financial Aid Office staff: Carrie Jordanger (Ext. 254) or Marlene Seeklander (Ext. 255).

We hope you are doing well and staying safe and healthy! We care about our students and want to make sure you are doing well during this time. Please do not hesitate to reach out to any of the staff or faculty if you need anything.

Sincerely,

*Mike Cartney*  
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President