

## Higher Education Emergency Relief (HEER) III Fund Information

As required in the [U.S. Department of Education May 6, 2020 Electronic Announcement, August 31, 2020 Federal Register notice](#), and [May 13, 2021 Federal Register notice](#), Athens Technical College is providing the following information:

1. The American Rescue Plan (ARP) authorized the U.S. Department of Education (“ED”) to allocate formula grant funds to postsecondary education institutions for the purpose of addressing needs related to coronavirus. Athens Technical College submitted to ED the Certification and Agreement (CFDA 84.425E) for the Student Aid Portion pursuant to Section 2003 (a)(1) of the American Rescue Plan (ARP).

Section 2003(7) of the ARP requires higher education institutions to provide at least the same amount of funding in financial aid grants to students as was required to be provided under sections 18004(a)(1) and (c) of division B of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) (Pub. L. 116–136). Under section 2003 (a)(1) of the ARP, Recipient must make financial aid grants to students (including students exclusively enrolled in distance education), which may 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, health care (including mental health care) or child care.

According to the allocation formula, **Athens Technical College will receive \$5,961,547.** As required, Athens Technical College will provide at least the same amount of funding in financial aid grants to students as was required to be provided under sections 18004(a)(1) and (c) of division B of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) (Pub. L. 116–136) to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants (called “HEER III Fund Grants” at ATC) to students. On May 11, 2021, the University received \$5,961,547 of its allocation to administer HEER III Fund Grants under Section 2003 of the ARP.

2. The total amount of funds Athens Technical College will receive and use for paying such HEER III Fund Grants is \$5,961,547.
3. The total amount of HEER III Fund Grants distributed to students under Section 2003 (a)(1) of the ARP as of December 30, 2022 is \$5,821,328.
4. The estimated number of students at the institution enrolled for at least one credit in degree programs who meet eligibility criteria and are thus eligible to receive emergency financial aid grants under Section 2003 of the ARP is 7,703.
5. The total unduplicated number of students who received a HEER III Fund Grant thus far is 5,305.
  - On November 17, 2021, the first distribution for Fall 2021 payment began being made for 1,598 students.
  - On November 29, 2021, the second distribution for Fall 2021 payment began being made for 1,592 students.
  - On January 20, 2022, students who lost their HEER III Fund Grant eligibility, funds began to be removed for 89 students.
  - On April 8, 2022, the first disbursement for Spring 2022 began being made for 2,290 students.
  - On June 7, 2022, students who lost their HEER III Fund Grant eligibility, funds began to be removed for 86 students.

6. To determine which students received HEER III Fund Grants and the amount they would receive under Section 2003 (a)(1) of the ARP, Athens Technical College applied the following guidance and policies:
- All students currently enrolled for Fall 2021
  - Excluding Total Withdrawal students as of the first disbursement date
  - Excluding High School, Transient and International Students
  - Monetary amounts will be prorated based on need and enrollment status as indicated in the chart below.
    1. Tier 1 & 2 must either be verified, if selected, or not selected for verification. The students with no FAFSA would be grouped in either tier 3 or 4.

Tiers	Students	Award	Expense
1) Zero EFC + FT (Verified)	100	\$ 2,002.00	\$200,200.00
2) Zero EFC + PT (Verified)	399	\$ 1,602.00	\$ 639,198.00
3) EFC > 0 + FT (not Verified) OR No FAFSA + FT OR Zero EFC (Not Verified)	624	\$ 1,201.50	\$ 749,736.00
4) EFC > 0 + PT (Not Verified) OR No FAFSA + PT OR Zero EFC (Not Verified)	1978	\$ 683.00	\$ 1,350,974.00
Total	3101		\$ 2,940,108.00

- All students currently enrolled for Spring 2022
- Exclude Total Withdrawal students as of the date of disbursement.
- Exclude High School, Transients, International students
- Monetary amounts will be prorated based on need and enrollment status as indicated in the chart below.

Tier 1 & 2 must either be verified, if selected, or not selected for verification. The students with no FAFSA would be grouped in either tier 3 or 4.

<b>Tiers</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>Award</b>	<b>Expense</b>
1) Zero EFC + FT (verified)	83	\$1,000.00	\$83,000
2) Zero EFC + PT (verified)	373	\$900.00	\$335,700
3) EFC > 0 + FT OR No FAFSA + FT	404	\$600.00	\$242,400
4) EFC > 0 + PT (Not Verified) OR No FAFSA + PT OR Zero EFC (Not Verified)	1,346	\$500.00	\$673,000
Total	2,206	\$3,000	\$1,334,100

- All students currently enrolled for Fall 2022
- Exclude Total Withdrawal students as of the date of disbursement.
- Exclude High School, Transients, International students
- Monetary amounts will be prorated based on need and enrollment status as indicated in the chart below.

Tier 1 & 2 must either be verified, if selected, or not selected for verification. The students with no FAFSA would be grouped in either tier 3 or 4.

<b>Tiers</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>Award</b>	<b>Expense</b>
1) Zero EFC + FT (verified)	63	\$1,100.00	\$69,300
2) Zero EFC + PT (verified)	318	\$900.00	\$286,200
3) EFC > 0 + FT OR NO FAFSA + FT	469	\$710.00	\$332,990
4) EFC > 0 + PT (Not Verified) OR No FAFSA + PT OR Zero EFC (Not Verified)	1,546	\$555.00	\$858,630
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,396</b>		<b>\$1,547,120</b>

7. Instructions, directions, or guidance provided by Athens Technical College to students concerning the HEER III Fund Grants can be found on the [CARES ACT Site](#) .In addition, direct communications via email were sent to each student regarding eligibility for HEER III Fund Grants.

## Higher Education Emergency Relief (HEER) II Fund Information

As required in the [U.S. Department of Education May 6, 2020 Electronic Announcement, August 31, 2020 Federal Register notice](#), and [May 13, 2021 Federal Register notice](#), Athens Technical College is providing the following information:

1. The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) authorized the U.S. Department of Education (“ED”) to allocate formula grant funds to postsecondary education institutions for the purpose of addressing needs related to coronavirus Athens Technical College submitted to ED the Certification and Agreement (CFDA 84.425E) for the Student Aid Portion pursuant to section 314(a)(1) of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA).

Section 314(d)(5) of the CRRSAA requires higher education institutions to provide at least the same amount of funding in financial aid grants to students as was required to be provided under sections 18004(a)(1) and (c) of division B of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) (Pub. L. 116–136). Under section 314(c)(3) of the CRRSAA, Recipient must make financial aid grants to students (including students exclusively enrolled in distance education), which may 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, health care (including mental health care) or child care.

According to the allocation formula, **Athens Technical College is scheduled to receive \$5,213,265.** As required Athens Technical College will provide at least the same amount of funding in financial aid grants to students as was required to be provided under sections 18004(a)(1) and (c) of division B of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) (Pub. L. 116–136) to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants (called “HEER II Fund Grants” at ATC) to students. Athens Technical College received \$1,491,602 of its allocation to administer HEER II Fund Grants under Section 314(d)(5) of the CRRSAA.

2. The total amount of funds Athens Technical College received and used for paying such HEER II Fund Grants is \$1,479,469.00.
3. The total amount of HEER II Fund Grants distributed to students under Section 314(d)(5) of the CRRSAA was reported in May 2021 after reporting requirements were updated effective May 2021 to require HEER II Fund Grants quarterly reporting to be posted. This section was updated by June 30, 2021. Athens Technical College has expended the entirety of its student HEER II Fund Grant funding as of June 30, 2021; therefore, this June 30, 2021 report will be the final quarterly report posted.
4. The estimated total number of students at the institution eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive HEER II Fund Grants to students under Section 314(d)(5) of the CRRSAA is 2,777. This number of students had established eligibility for funding under Section 314(d)(5) of the CRRSAA. In accordance with guidance from ED, eligibility has been determined by Athens Technical College based on students' filings of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
5. The total number of unduplicated students who received a HEER II Fund Grant was 2,758.
  - o On May 10, 2021, the first distribution payment began being made for 2,774 students.
  - o On April 5, 2022, reversal payments began being made for 16 students who lost their eligibility.
6. To determine which students received HEER II Fund Grants and the amount they would receive under Section 314(d)(5) of the CRRSAA, Athens Technical College applied the following guidance and policies:
  - o All students currently enrolled for Spring 2021
  - o Excludes Total Withdrawal students as of the date of disbursement
  - o Excludes High School, Transients, International students
  - o Monetary amounts will be prorated based on need and enrollment status as indicated in the chart below:
    1. Tier 1 & 2 must either be verified, if selected, or not selected for verification. The students with no FAFSA would be grouped in either tier 3 or 4.

Tiers	Students	Award	Expense
5) Zero EFC + FT (Verified)	208	\$ 1,000	\$208,000
6) Zero EFC + PT (Verified)	759	\$ 741	\$ 562,419
7) EFC > 0 + FT (not Verified) OR No FAFSA + FT OR Zero	411	\$ 550	\$ 226,050

EFC (Not Verified)			
8) EFC > 0 + PT (Not Verified) OR No FAFSA + PT OR Zero EFC (Not Verified)	1380	\$ 350	\$ 483,000
Total	2,758		\$ 1,479,469

- Instructions, directions, or guidance provided by Athens Technical College to students concerning the HEER II Fund Grants can be found on the [CARES ACT Site](#). In addition, direct communications via email were sent to each student regarding eligibility for HEER II Fund Grants.

### Higher Education Emergency Relief (HEER) Fund Information

As required in the [U.S. Department of Education May 6, 2020 Electronic Announcement](#), Athens Technical College is providing the following information:

- The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Securities (CARES) Act (Pub. L. 116-136) authorized the U.S. Department of Education (“ED”) to allocate formula grant funds to postsecondary education institutions for the purpose of addressing needs related to coronavirus. Athens Technical College submitted to ED the *Certification and Agreement for an Award under Section 18004(a)(2) of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund, Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act*.

The Act, in part, provides funds to institutions of higher education through the United States Department of Education (ED), and stipulates that at least 50% of the funds must be provided to students as emergency relief grants. Athens Technical College will utilize significant discretion on awarding these emergency assistance grants to eligible students. The only statutory requirements are that students use the funds for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19 and students are eligible to receive Title IV funding based on the criteria outlined under Section 484 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA).

According to the allocation formula, Athens Technical College is scheduled to receive \$2,983,204. As required Athens Technical College will use no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants (called “HEER Fund Grants” at Athens Technical College) to students. Athens Technical College received 50 percent (\$1,491,602) of its allocation to administer HEER Fund Grants under the CARES Act.

2. The total amount of funds Athens Technical College received and used for paying such HEER Fund Grants is \$1,482,733.44.
3. The total amount of HEER Fund Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act was reported and updated 30 days after the college received the funds. This section was updated by May 2020 and then quarterly thereafter. Athens Technical College has expended the entirety of its student HEER Fund Grant funding as of November 4, 2020; therefore, this December 31, 2020 report will be the final quarterly report posted.
4. The estimated total number of students at the institution eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive HEER Fund Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is. Of all students who were enrolled for the Spring 2020 semester when it was disrupted due to the coronavirus, 1,983 had established eligibility for funding under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965. Of all students who were enrolled for the Summer 2020 semester when it was disrupted due to the coronavirus, 373 had established eligibility for funding under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965. Of all students who were enrolled for the Fall 2021 semester when it was disrupted due to the coronavirus, 694 had established eligibility for funding under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965. In accordance with guidance from ED, eligibility has been determined by Athens Technical College based on students' filings of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
5. The total number of unduplicated students who received a HEER Fund Grant was 2,376.
  - On May 27, 2020, the first distribution payment began being made for 1,971 students.
  - On June 12, 2020, the second distribution payment began being made for 12 students.
  - On August 3, 2020, the third distribution payment began being made for 373 students.
  - On September 15, 2020, the fourth distribution payment began being made for 694 students.
  - On January 8, 2021, reversal payments began being made for 16 students and funds were returned.
    - Students were contacted multiple times, but never responded to communication requests.
6. Students who meet basic eligibility criteria for federal financial aid (Title IV) funding can be considered for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF). The Office of Financial Aid will use the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as well as Admission and Academic criteria to determine student eligibility. Under the guidance provided by the Department of Education, funds can be awarded to students that meet the following conditions:
  - Were enrolled on/after March 13, 2020 in at least one (1) credit hour for a Title IV eligible program that leads to a certificate, diploma, or degree.
  - Has a FASFA for the 19/20 award year.
  - Has a FAFSA/ISIR with no outstanding verification requirements.
  - Has an eligible Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) status.
  - Has met the college's admission requirements.
  - U.S. Citizen, Resident or eligible non-resident.



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