

*****STUDENT Resource Update: HEERF II COVID-19 Emergency Relief Funding—March 9, 2021*****

Dear NMC Students—

NMC recognizes that many of you are facing additional challenges due to COVID-19. In mid-February, NMC received its allocation of HEERF II COVID-19 Emergency Relief Funds. Please complete the [COVID-19 Student Needs](#) form and connect with resources you may need during this period including requests for **HEERF II COVID-19 Emergency Funds**. A faculty or staff member may also complete this form on behalf of a student.

What are the HEERF II COVID-19 Emergency Relief Funds?

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) is authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Public Law 116-260, signed into law on Dec. 27, 2020. In total, the CRRSAA authorizes \$81.88 billion in support for education, in addition to the \$30.75 billion provided last spring through the CARES Act. Nebraska Methodist College has received approximately \$276,000 in student aid from CRRSAA for impacted students.

Eligibility for HEERF II COVID-19 Emergency Relief Funds.

In accordance with federal regulations, NMC will make financial aid grants to students, which 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, health care (including mental health care), or child care**. HEERF II COVID-19 emergency relief funds are available to students enrolled during the spring 2021 semester who incurred unexpected expenses resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. NMC will **prioritize students with exceptional need**, such as students who receive Pell Grants. HEERF II COVID-19 emergency relief funds also **allows for emergency grants to students exclusively enrolled in distance education**. Students will have the option to have relief funds to apply directly to their student accounts.

Students are encouraged to apply for emergency HEERF II COVID-19 relief funding through the [COVID-19 Student Needs](#) link. NMC will review applications for designation of funds. Students please complete the entire application and be prepared to briefly describe the details of situation and expenses due to COVID-19 and report need for funding in expense categories such as food, housing, tuition, course materials, technology, health care, childcare, etc.

How will HEERF II COVID-19 Emergency Relief Funds be distributed?

Students may have HEERF II funds apply directly to their student accounts for tuition and fee expenses. If the student is set up for direct deposit, the student may have funds deposited into their bank account. If you are not signed up for direct deposit, please contact the NMC Business Office to set up your account.

MORE Student Resources Available.

Further, NMC has additional student resources available.

- NMC's **Food Pantry** remains open and available for curbside pickup. You can access the order form [here](#).
- **Student Assistance Program (SAP)**—Free confidential counseling services are available for NMC on ground and online students and their spouse and dependents. 24/7/365 days of the year (nights and weekends, too). Call (402) 354-8020 or (800) 776-6233 to connect with a counselor. For more information is available at: www.BestCareEAP.org Member ID: bcNMCSAPe Password: NMCSAP Email: EAP@BestCareEAP.org
- **Campus Counseling**—Appointments via Zoom or phone. Contact Kathy Dworak at Kathy.Dworak@methodistcollege.edu
- **Dean of Students**—Contact Sarah Murphy at Sarah.Murphy@methodistcollege.edu.
- **Academic Advising**—Schedule an appointment via your advisor's Calendly link.
 - Neil Volker at Neil.Volker@methodistcollege.edu
 - Katie Meints at Kathleen.Meints@methodistcollege.edu
 - Jane McClure at Jane.McClure@methodistcollege.edu
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- **Academic Success, ADA accommodations**—Contact Lisa Flairty at Lisa.Flairty@methodistcollege.edu or Stacey Nelson at Stacey.Nelson@methodistcollege.edu
- **TRIO SSS**—Contact Lisa Johnson at Lisa.Johnson2@methodistcollege.edu
- **Spiritual Resources**—Contact Kim Haizlip at Kimberly.Haizlip@methodistcollege.edu and Joy Stevens at Joy.Stevens@methodistcollege.edu.
- **Student Engagement**—Contact Jenny Christian at Jennifer.Christian@methodistcollege.edu
- **Campus Housing**—Contact your RAs or Jennifer Harm at Jennifer.Harm@methodistcollege.edu
- **Financial Aid Office**—If you are experiencing financial hardship, the Financial Aid team is here to help. [Click here](#) to contact a Financial Aid counselor.

Please reach out for further information to Lindsay Snipes, Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness at Lindsay.Snipes@methodistcollege.edu regarding availability of HEERF II emergency relief funding. Take care and have a great Spring Break week!

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