

Lincoln University HEERF (I-III), ARP, & CARES Act Student Funds Request (Revised August 16, 2021)

– ROUND ONE (August 16, 2021 to September 24, 2021)

IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED TWO CARES/HEERF GRANTS FROM LINCOLN UNIVERSITY, YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR A THIRD GRANT IN ROUND ONE. YOU WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR A THIRD GRANT IN ROUND TWO IF FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE (Round 2: October 1 to November 29, 2021)

Student Eligibility Requirements: All DOMESTIC and INTERNATIONAL students who are or were enrolled at Lincoln University on or after the date of the declaration of the national emergency due to the coronavirus (March 13, 2020) are eligible for emergency financial aid grants from HEERF, regardless of whether they completed a FAFSA or are eligible for Title IV.

Lincoln is required to prioritize domestic students with *exceptional need*, such as students who receive Pell Grants or are undergraduates with extraordinary financial circumstances, in awarding emergency financial aid grants to students. This includes citizens, permanent residents, refugees, asylum seekers, DACA recipients, other DREAMers, and similar undocumented students.

International students (F1 Status) may also receive HEERF grants who have *exceptional need* after taking into consideration their cost-of-attendance VISA conditions. As mentioned above the priority must be given to domestic students before international students.

Beyond Pell eligibility, other types of exceptional need could include students who may be eligible for other federal or state need-based aid or have faced significant unexpected expenses either for themselves or that would affect their financial circumstances, such as the loss of employment (if VISA authorizes work), reduced income, food, medical expenses, housing, or enrolling in their last semester to graduate.

Emergency financial aid grants may be used by students for any component of their cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or childcare. Students determine how they may use their emergency financial aid grant within the allowable uses. Students can also use their grant to pay for accrued tuition debt at Lincoln, and to pay off their debit at Lincoln to re-enroll.

Some of the expenses that are eligible to be covered:

- Books and supplies for in-person or online courses
- Technology needs for online course delivery (internet, data plan, etc.)
- Unexpected medical expenses
- Expenses related to moving home or for storage
- Childcare
- Shelter/housing needs since leaving campus
- Food
- **Tuition**
- **Outstanding student debit at Lincoln University**
- **Housing costs at Summerhouse apartment complex**

For help, please contact the Financial Aid Office.

ALL Students are eligible to receive one or more HEERF funding grants.

LU Student Athletes: Need to submit their application directly to Athletic Director Mr. Desmond Gumbs at:
dgumbs@lincolnuca.edu

How to Apply?

Submit your application for HEERF Emergency Grant Funding, explaining how you have been financially impacted by the campus disruption due to the COVID-19 to the: **Financial Aid Office** finaid@lincolnuca.edu

Apply Now:

Domestic & International Students who are or were enrolled at Lincoln University as of 3/13/20.

Applications are considered on a rolling basis if funds are available. Priority will be given to students with the greatest exceptional financial need based on the required prioritization.

Funds Approval/Disbursement

Student will be sent an e-mail if they have been approved for funding along with the approved amount within 2-weeks of their application submission. Disbursement will occur after the add/drop date in case there are changes to the number of enrolled units, EFC, etc.

Is HEERF funding considered taxable income?

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has confirmed that these emergency funds will not count as taxable income and will be qualified as disaster-relief funds under Section 139 IRS Code.

++++Students approved for funds will be required to sign an attestation that they will use the funds for eligible expenses and not to use them for ineligible expenses.