

# SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE



## Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) (previously CARES Act) Frequently Asked Questions

### ***Am I eligible for a HEERF II grant?***

- To be eligible for HEERF II grant funds you must be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident. If you did not file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) you must self-certify your citizenship status on the My Profile tab of PrideNET.

### ***What can I use the grant for?***

- HEERF II grant funds for expenses you incurred as a result of the disruption of your education or as part of your Springfield College Cost of Attendance. Those expenses include tuition, fees, room and board or living expenses and food, books and supplies, personal/miscellaneous, transportation, emergency housing, health care, child care, technology, course materials, and transportation.

### ***Is the HEERF II grant taxable?***

- The most recent information indicates that the HEERF II grant funds are not taxable, but you should consult with a licensed tax preparer.

### ***How was the grant calculated?***

- Using guidance from the US Education Department, a committee at Springfield College developed a formula to distribute the funds as widely as possible, at the same time making the grants meaningful and prioritizing Federal Pell Grant eligible students.

### ***Can Springfield College use the grant funds to reduce my balance due?***

- Yes. With your permission we can apply the HEERF II grant funds to your balance due.

### ***Where can I see the amount of my HEERF II grant?***

- If eligible, HEERF II grants are listed as on the award menu of My Financial Aid. HEERF II funds are called Federal Relief Grant.

### ***Are HEERF II grants to be reported on my FAFSA?***

- No, HEERF II grant funds are not counted as income for purposes of calculating an Expected Family Contribution (EFC).