

Rolla Technical Institute/Center
Section 18004 CARES Act – Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund - Emergency Student Grants
Student Information

In late March 2020, President Trump signed the CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act). This Act created an education stimulus package that included a Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF), which contained over \$6 billion for postsecondary education emergency grants to students who experienced a disruption of their education as a result of the Coronavirus outbreak.

These emergency grant funds are intended to be used for *“expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus (including eligible expenses under a student’s cost of attendance such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care).”* This is not a loan. These are grant funds provided by the federal government and do not have to be repaid. It is hoped that these funds will assist students with their educational expenses and minimize any further disruption of their educational goals.

Any student who is eligible to receive federal student financial assistance and who was not exclusively enrolled in a distance education program at the time of the declaration of the coronavirus national emergency (3/13/2020) is eligible for grant assistance under the HEERF.

HEERF Grant award amounts for eligible students at Rolla Technical Institute/Center have been determined based on U.S. Department of Education guidelines. Additional grant awards may be available to students with unusual circumstances. The HEERF Grant does not have any effect on the lifetime eligibility limitations regarding Federal Pell Grant or Federal Direct Loan awards made under the Title IV federal student aid programs.

If you have any questions about the HEERF Grant, please contact the Financial Aid Department.