

## Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF)

As a result of Congress passing the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) allocated \$6 billion to colleges nationwide to provide direct assistance to enrolled students. Palmer College of Chiropractic applied and was approved for \$404,695 in HEERF grant funding to assist eligible students.

Based on the subsequent guidance from the U.S. Department of Education, only students who are Title IV eligible under section 484 of the Higher Education Act, and have expenses such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care and/or child-care related to campus disruptions as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic are eligible for HEERF grant funds.

As a result, Palmer College of Chiropractic is making available a one-time \$225 HEERF grant to approximately 1,800 eligible students thanks to this emergency grant aid.

### *Frequently Asked Questions*

#### *What is the Higher Education Relief Fund (HEERF)?*

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#### *Who is eligible?*

If you filed a 2019-2020 FAFSA, [meet federal financial aid eligibility requirements](#), AND you have incurred expenses related to food, housing, course materials, technology, healthcare or childcare you are eligible to apply.

#### *How do I apply?*

An application link will be sent to your Palmer email on Monday, May 18.

#### *How much money can I get?*

\$225. Palmer will release the money to you regardless of any balance you may or may not owe to the College.

#### *When will I receive the funds?*

The funds will be released to you within ten business days of completion of your HEERF application.

#### *How will I receive the funds?*

The funds will be released to you based on your current refund preference. If you are not currently set up for direct deposit, the funds will be mailed to you by paper check. Make sure your address is current in Self-Service, located within the Palmer Portal.

### *What if I thought I was eligible, but I have not received an email?*

Make sure you have completed the 2019-2020 FAFSA and any outstanding verification requirements. You must meet all federal financial aid eligibility criteria including maintaining satisfactory academic progress.

### *Other “Special Circumstances”*

Palmer College of Chiropractic understands the current COVID-19 pandemic has greatly impacted our students' educational goals and financial reality. Our financial aid administrator is provided the authority to use professional judgment to make adjustments to your cost of attendance on a case-by-case basis to reflect the financial need of students and families affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Please contact the Office of Financial Planning with related concerns

### *What if I have other questions?*

Financial Planning is here to help with any questions. You may submit your question to the Office of Financial Planning.

### *Federal Grant Reporting Requirements*

1. Palmer College of Chiropractic has signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement with the assurance that the institution intends to 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 to students.
2. Palmer received \$404,695 from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act will be reported with the initial 30-day report as required and updated on the Palmer website accordingly.
4. Palmer College of Chiropractic estimates 1,800 students are eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act will be reported in the initial 30-day report as required.
6. Palmer took a block grant approach, providing an equal opportunity for eligible students to receive HEERF Grant assistance. Given the number of eligible students and the student allocation, Palmer made a one-time \$225 grant available to each eligible student under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
7. An initial notification of the funding approval was announced to students April 28, 2020. A HEERF Grant FAQ was announced and made public May 7, 2020 and applications for eligible students were made available on May 18, 2020.