

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) I – Student Grant Award:

As a result of the recent CARES act, New Hope Christian College signed and submitted the Certification of Agreement form to the Department of Education to receive Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund. NHCC has been allocated total of \$127,250 in HEERF. According to the Federal law and guidelines on HEERF, NHCC has set up a one-time grant for eligible students, using at least 50% of the total HEERF allocated to our college (\$63,625). The college received this funding on May 12th, 2020.

NHCC had students, who incurred expenses related to the disruption of campus operation due to COVID-19 and were able to meet all of eligibility criteria, apply for this grant by filling out an application sent to their newhope.edu email address. Each student was able to receive up to \$1,500. Application was open until 5/31. The submitted applications were reviewed by President's Office, Dean of Student, and Enrollment Office for accountability. Students who applied were notified of their award via email, and received a check payment for this grant.

As of June 1st, out of an estimate of 70 students who were eligible, 48 students applied for this grant.

As of June 10th, the college have disbursed total of \$63,700.70 in Emergency Financial Aid Grant to these 48 students who applied.

Please see below for any information that was instructions and direction provided to students by the college.

5/24/20, an email to students

There has been a new update from the Department of Education, and now students who meet certain criteria such as being a U.S. Citizen (or eligible non-citizen) with valid Social Security Number are able to apply and receive CARES Act Student Aid, even if you do not have a completed FAFSA on file with the school.

If you are hesitating to apply for this grant because you did not complete a FAFSA, or because you did not resolve your verification, please feel free to contact finaid@newhope.edu to see if you are eligible.

Unfortunately, the Department of Education's regulation still does not allow international students to apply for this grant.

If you have not submitted your application, this is a friendly reminder that the application deadline is just about a week away on Sunday, May 31st. We still have a limited amount of funds available. Please email your application to finaid@newhope.edu to apply for this grant.

5/15/20, an email to students

Cares Act Student Emergency Fund Application is now open. We still have funds available, and it is meant to help you financially in this unprecedented time. Please apply by filling out the attached application.

Here are some frequently asked questions in regard to this application.

Q. How am I supposed to submit the completed application?

A. Please email it to finaid@newhope.edu.

Q. What are the examples of expenses caused by campus disruption due to COVID-19?

A. Some of the qualifying expenses are:

- Rent
- Utilities (i.e. electricity, water, internet, etc.)
- New Laptop, any technology device you purchased to complete your courses and continue in education
- New software to upgrade your laptop
- Traveling cost (i.e. gas you used to move out of the dorms, flight(s) home, rental truck, etc.)
- Groceries
- Food
- Books or resources you used to have access to on campus, but had to purchase since they no longer are accessible

Q. What if I did not keep any receipts for my expenses?

A. You are still able to fill out the application. Please turn in other supporting documents as much as possible such as a screenshot of the price of an item you purchased, a research of average cost of utility, internet, food cost in your area, or a map that shows a distance from the school to your home to estimate the cost of gas. We will review your application whether or not you can provide any documentation.

Please contact finaid@newhope.edu if you have any questions!

5/13/2020, an email to students

If you incurred direct expenses due to COVID-19 campus disruption (i.e. travel expenses, technology expenses, housing/food expenses, material needed for courses, etc), you may be eligible to apply for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund. Please read all of the instructions thoroughly as you fill out this application.

If you have any questions, please email finaid@newhope.edu.

Update as of 5/13/2020, posted on our main website

As a result of the recent CARES act, New Hope Christian College signed and submitted the Certification of Agreement form to the Department of Education to receive Higher Education

Emergency Relief Fund. We are expecting to receive the fund shortly. NHCC has been allocated total of \$127,250 in HEERF. According to the Federal law and guidelines on HEERF, NHCC is planning to set up a one-time grant for eligible students, using at least 50% of the total HEERF allocated to our college (\$63,625).

If you are a student who had, or will have expenses related to the disruption of campus operation due to COVID-19, and are able to meet all of eligibility criteria shown below, please apply by filling out the application sent to your newhope.edu email address. Each student can receive up to \$1,500. Application is open until 5/31, or until the fund is depleted.

NHCC will review your application within 3 business days, and respond to your newhope.edu email.

Q & A

What is Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund for?

- It is a fund for schools to use as emergency financial aid to students **for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19**. These expenses can be Transportation, Food, Housing, Health Care, Child Care, and any material needed to complete your courses. It is a one-time grant, and does not need to be repaid.

Who is eligible for CARES/Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund?

- According to the Department of Education guideline, students need to meet basic eligibility criteria for Federal Financial Aid to be eligible for this fund. You are eligible if you are enrolled in on-campus program and at least one on-campus class during Spring 2020 semester, and completed 2019-2020 or 2020-2021 FAFSA. We are estimating about 70 students will be eligible for this fund.
- If you have not completed 2019-2020 FAFSA, or have not resolved FAFSA verification, you will not be eligible for this fund. However, it is not too late to complete your FAFSA or resolve your verification. Please contact finaid@newhope.edu for your next step.
- You are still eligible for this fund, if you completed your 2019-2020 FAFSA, but decided not to receive Federal Financial Aid, as long as your FAFSA was not flagged for verification.

How can I apply for this fund?

- You should have received NHCC HEERF Application in your newhope.edu. Please fill the application out thoroughly, and email it back to finaid@newhope.edu.

Once I apply, when will I able to receive the fund?

- NHCC will review your application within 3 business days. If the amount requested and expenses described in your application are reasonable, you should receive an award email to your newhope.edu email address. After you receive the award email, we will issue your check in 7-9 business days. If your expenses described in your application is out of the norm, NHCC will contact you via email to ask you further questions before awarding you with the fund.