

**Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) Coronavirus Response Relief and Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) Reporting:  
Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students  
Trinity Health System School of Nursing Final Fund Report 6/30/2021**

**Background:**

Section 18004(e) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act” or the “Act”), Pub. L. No. 116-136, 134 Stat. 281 (March 27, 2020), directs institutions receiving funds under Section 18004 of the Act to submit (in a time and manner required by the Secretary) a report to the Secretary describing the use of funds distributed from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (“HEERF”).

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) is authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Public Law 116-260, signed into law on Dec. 27, 2020. The CRRSAA allocates funding for eligible Schools to address needs of eligible students due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Trinity Health System School of Nursing hereby addresses the required information:**

1. An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used the applicable amount of the funds designated under the CRRSAA (a)(1), to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

***Validation:** Trinity Health System School of Nursing completed and submitted the Funding Certification Agreement on Tuesday, July 28, 2020. As of 4/1/2021, the School of Nursing provided a total of \$50,703.00 (\$49,961.00 from the Student Portion and \$742.00 from the Institutional Portion) in emergency financial aid grants to 28 students who were Title IV eligible.*

2. The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution’s Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA (a)(1).

***Validation:** On January 28, 2021, Trinity Health System School of Nursing was awarded an additional \$49,961.00 in funding to be distributed as Emergency Financial Aid Grants to its eligible applicants and \$126, 855.00 in Institutional Funds.*

3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the CRRSAA (a)(1) as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the initial report and every calendar quarter thereafter).

***Validation:** As of 4/1/2021, the School of Nursing provided a total of \$50,703.00 (\$49,961.00 from the Student Portion and \$742.00 from the Institutional Portion) in emergency financial aid grants to 28 students who were Title IV eligible.*

4. The estimated total number of students at the institution that are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under the CRRSAA (a)(1).

**Validation:** *Trinity Health System School of Nursing had a total of 28 students during the 2021 Spring Semester that were eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under the CRRSAA (a)(1).*

5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under the CRRSAA (a)(1).

**Validation:** *All 28 eligible student applicants received an emergency financial aid grant.*

6. The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under the CRRSAA (a)(1).

**Validation:** *The Trinity Health System School of Nursing Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) II Application Round 4 was developed. The application was used to determine student eligibility.*

*Students who meet all the criteria below were eligible to apply:*

1. *Students of Trinity Health System School of Nursing who were enrolled in the 2021 Spring Semester.*
2. *Students must have completed a 20-21 FAFSA that demonstrates eligibility for Title IV aid (federal financial aid).*

*Trinity Health System School of Nursing is required to prioritize students with exceptional need, such as students who receive Pell Grants, in awarding emergency financial aid grants to students. However, students do not need to be only Pell recipients or students who are eligible for Pell Grants.*

*The methodology employed for the disbursement of Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students was to calculate emergency grant awards based on the average of the 2021 Spring Semester Tuition and Fee costs. The amount of the grants was then tiered according to each students' 2020-2021 Expected Family Contributions (EFC). The grants were prioritized according to students with exceptional need, such as students who receive PELL Grants. An application was used to determine student eligibility. Twenty-eight applications were received by the March 16, 2021 deadline. All 28 applicants were eligible to receive an emergency financial aid grant which was disbursed on April 1, 2021.*

*The entire \$49,961.00 from the Student Portion plus \$742.00 from the Institutional Funds was distributed to all eligible students who returned the completed The Trinity Health System School of Nursing Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) II Application Round 4. Grants were distributed as follows:*

- *15 PELL Grant recipients received grants ranging from \$1,621.00 to \$2,315.00*
- *13 Non-PELL Grant recipients received grants ranging from \$921.00 to \$1,621.00*

*Grants ranged from \$921.00 to \$2,315.00 based upon each student's EFC. The School of Nursing Dean and Coordinator of Student Affairs served as the Emergency Financial Aid Grant Committee.*

7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

***Validation:*** *On March 1, 2021 the Trinity Health System School of Nursing Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) II Application Round 4 was distributed in the classrooms to the members of the Classes of 2021 and 2022 by the Dean of the School of Nursing, The application deadline was March 16, 2021.*