

# ASUN HEERF II Student Emergency Grants Spring 2021: Frequently Asked Questions

**Question:** How are the Student Emergency Grant awards calculated?

**Answer:** Student Emergency Grants will vary by student. Grants are based on a combination of enrollment status and financial aid eligibility. To review the eligibility chart, [click here](#).

**Question:** How is an “eligible” student defined?

**Answer:** At ASUN, eligible students are those who are degree-seeking, Pell Grant eligible, and making satisfactory academic progress. Concurrent, dual, incarcerated, and visiting students are not considered eligible students. For more information on eligible students, please refer to the [federal guidance](#).

**Question:** I have a bachelor’s degree (or higher degree). Am I eligible for a Student Emergency Grant?

**Answer:** Yes, you are eligible for a Student Emergency Grant. However, you are eligible at the lowest funding level of your enrollment category.

**Question:** My account shows a Student Emergency Grant payment on my account. What does this mean?

**Answer:** For ASUN to distribute the funds in Campus Nexus Student, the fund is set up as a payment.

**Question:** I do not have direct deposit set up! Is it too late to set up direct deposit?

**Answer:** You have 2 days to set up direct deposit from the point that the grant processed on your account. To view the instructions on how to set up direct deposit, [click here](#).

**Question:** I owe money for Fall and Spring. Will the Student Emergency Grant pay for my Fall balance too?

**Answer:** Yes, according to the regulations, the Student Emergency Grants can be applied to cost of attendance charges prior to December 27, 2020. If you opt to apply your Student Emergency Fund to your outstanding balance, it will be applied and if there is any remaining money you will receive it as a stipend.

**Question:** How long will it take me to get my Student Emergency Grants?

**Answer:** Student Emergency Grants will be processed weekly through the week of April 5-9, 2021. Students who select a processing option before April 2, 2021, will receive their money faster than those who do not select a processing option.

**Question:** What if I want to pay my outstanding ASUN account balance, but I will have excess money left over.

**Answer:** For students who have opt to have their Student Emergency Grant to their account and there is money left over, the excess funds will be disbursed to the student in a stipend.

**Question:** I have not filed my 2020-2021 FAFSA. Is it too late for me to apply?

**Answer:** For students who have not completed the 2020-2021 FAFSA, it is assumed they fall into the highest EFC. If you file your FAFSA after receiving your SEG, you must email [cares@asun.edu](mailto:cares@asun.edu) to request a review of your file. You may be eligible for more funds (up to the SEG for eligible students). The deadline for filing the 2020-2021 FAFSA is April 2, 2021.

NOTE: If you have not filed a 2020-2021 FAFSA, you need to contact the Office of Financial aid at [financialaid@asun.edu](mailto:financialaid@asun.edu) to get help with completing the FAFSA. ASUN School Code: 042034

**Question:** Will students be eligible for HEERF II Student Emergency Grants during Summer I and/or Summer II?

**Answer:** No, at this point ASUN has distributed the entire amount of HEERF II funds to eligible students enrolled in Spring 2021. However, there may be an opportunity for future Student Emergency Grants in Summer (and beyond) if the government approves a third round of HEERF funds.

**Question:** I am a student who received a Student Emergency Grant under section 3504, 18004, or 18008 of the CARES Act and HEERF II for unexpected expenses, unmet financial need, or expenses related to the disruption of campus operations on account of the COVID-19 pandemic. Is this grant required to be reported in my gross income for tax purposes?

**Answer:** No. Emergency financial aid grants under the CARES Act and HEERF II for unexpected expenses, unmet financial need, or expenses related to the disruption of campus operations on account of the COVID-19 pandemic, such as unexpected expenses for food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, or childcare, are qualified disaster relief payments under section 139 of the Internal Revenue Code. This grant should not be included your gross income for tax purposes.

**Question:** I received a Student Emergency Grant and used some of it to pay for course materials that are now required for online learning because my college or university campus is closed. Can I claim a tuition and fees deduction for the cost of these materials, or treat the cost of these materials as a qualifying education expense for purposes of claiming the American Opportunity Credit or the Lifetime Learning Credit?

**Answer:** No. Because the emergency financial aid grant is not includible in your gross income, you cannot claim any deduction or credit for expenses paid with the grant including the tuition and fees deduction, the American Opportunity Credit, or the Lifetime Learning Credit. See section 139(h) of the Internal Revenue Code.

## Resources

[ASUN Financial Aid: Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy](#)

[FAQs from the IRS](#)