

Florida Poly HEERF October-December 2021 Quarter Report

To comply with Section 18004(e) of the CARES Act and submit a report every 45 days after the initial report (the “30-day Fund Report”), then quarterly based on guidance from the US Department of Education, Florida Polytechnic University is following the guidance announced in the [Federal Register Notice](#) by reporting the following information listed below.

1. *Florida Polytechnic University signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and intends to use no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, CRRSAA, and ARP(a)(1) programs to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.*

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 CARES Act, CRRSAA and ARP(a)(1) programs.
 - *HEERF I: Florida Polytechnic University received \$626,652 to be used for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students from the CARES Act.*
 - *HEERF II: In January 2021, Florida Polytechnic University received another \$626,652 to be used for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA). Florida Poly draws these funds as we disburse to students.*
 - *HEERF III: In May 2021, Florida Polytechnic University received another \$1,621,781 to be used for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students from the grant authorized under ARP(a)(1). The first draw from the ARP funds was September 2021 (after HEERF II funds were exhausted).*
 - *Total Combined received/will receive = \$2,875,085*

3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, CRRSAA and ARP(a)(1) programs as of the date of submission.
 - *HEERF I: Florida Polytechnic University has distributed all of the \$626,652 of the CARES Act funds to 834 students.*
 - *HEERF II: Florida Polytechnic University has distributed all of the \$626,652 of the CRRSAA funds to 461 students.*
 - *HEERF III: As of 12/31/21, Florida Polytechnic University has distributed \$413,738.53 of ARP(a)(1) funds to 371 students*
 - *Total combined distributed = \$1,667,042.53*

4. The estimated total number of students at the institution 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, CRRSAA and ARP(a)(1) programs.

- *HEERF I: Estimated - 1000 students*
- *HEERF II: Estimated 1500 students*
- *HEERF III: Estimated 1500 students*

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.

- *HEERF I: Florida Polytechnic University has distributed all CARES Act funds to 834 students.*
- *HEERF II: Florida Polytechnic University has distributed all CRSA funds to 461 students.*
- *HEERF III: As of 12/31/2021, Florida Polytechnic University has distributed CRSA funds to 371 students.*
- *Total Combined Students (includes duplicates) = 1123*

6. The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, CRRSAA and ARP(a)(1) programs.

Distribution methods include an application system, as well as an equity model for a group of students with eligible FAFSA on file.

- *HEERF I:*
 - 1. Application system - Students submit an application requesting funding for expenses that have incurred as a result of COVID19. Students also provide a written explanation and supporting documentation. Applications are then reviewed by the Office of Financial Aid. Approvals, denials, or requests for more information are emailed to the applicant. Approved amounts are added in CAMS (the University's SIS) to the student's account, the refunded directly to the student via BankMobile. Students can apply each semester (until the fund is exhausted). Amounts for each expense have guidelines and the maximum amount a student may apply for over the year is \$6195.*
 - 2. Equity model - The University distributed an equal amount to federal aid eligible*

students continuing their education to assist with any financial hardships or added expenses that could occur as a result of classes going remote after Thanksgiving break, as well as a safe return to campus in spring. To qualify the students had to have an eligible FAFSA on file and had to have registered for spring by November 20th to qualify. The figure per student was determined based on remaining funds, but still allowing some funds to remain for spring under the application system should students continue to be in need. \$247,401 was divided equally among the 693 students that met the criteria and distributed on 11/23/20 (\$357 each).

- *HEERF II and III: The same application system is in place for HEERF II and III. In addition, we used equity models.*
 - *An email was sent to 415 students with EFCs 5711 or less. The deadline for this group of students to accept the award of \$1100 was April 23, 2021. 328 students accepted their award.*
 - *An email was sent to 501 students with EFCs 5846 or less. The deadline for this group of students to accept the award of \$1100 was September 30, 2021. 379 students accepted their award.*
 - *An email was sent to 189 loan borrowing students who had not received HEERF yet in the fall 21 semester. The deadline for this group of students to accept the award of \$1000 was December 13, 2021. 97 students accepted their award.*
7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.
- *HEERF I:*
 1. *Application system - Instructions to students were emailed to students and posted on our webpage: <https://floridapoly.edu/cares-act.php>.*
 2. *Equity model - Eligible students were notified on 11/3 via email with instructions that they needed to have registered by November 20th for spring classes to qualify for the automatic disbursement and that funds were to be used to assist with any financial hardships or added expenses as a result of classes going remote after Thanksgiving and returning safely back to campus in spring.*
 - *HEERF II:*
 1. *Application system - Application system - Instructions to students remain posted on our webpage: <https://floridapoly.edu/cares-act.php>.*
 2. *Equity Model – Students with EFCs 5711 or less received the following email on 4/6/21. Reminder sent 4/22/21:*

Good morning,
Under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021, FL Poly was

allocated additional CARES funds to distribute to students as emergency funding. The CRRSAA requires priority distribution to students with the highest demonstrated need on their FAFSAs. We have determined that you meet the criteria for this priority selection (Expected Family Contributions of 5711 or less).

If you have been financially impacted by COVID19 (i.e., job loss, furlough, loss of working hours, etc.) or taken on added expenses as a result of the pandemic, **you can qualify for \$1100 in spring 21 semester FL Poly CARES emergency funding.** Added expenses may include food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and/or childcare expenses that occurred as a result of COVID19. Note: Students who have already received a spring 21 CARES disbursement \$1100 or more will not receive another disbursement and students who received an amount smaller than \$1100 will receive the difference.

You must accept this award by April 23, 2021 to qualify. Awards will be removed from CAMS after this date and allocated for other students that may need funding.

To accept your award, please visit CAMS and click on the My Financial Aid link. Click the Accept box next to the spring 21 FL Poly CARES award. By accepting these funds, you are certifying that you are in need of emergency funding due to financial impact from COVID-19.

If you have not been financially impacted and do not need these funds, please click the decline box and we will allocate the funds to our CARES application system for other students that may have need.

A fall disbursement was also offered under the equity model for students with EFCs of 5846 or less. HEERF II was exhausted and we began issuing HEERF III funds (see below Equity Model information)

- **HEERF III:**
 1. Application system - Application system - Instructions to students remain posted on our webpage: <https://floridapoly.edu/cares-act.php>.
 2. Equity Model – Students with EFCs 5846 or less received the following email on 9/10/21.

Good afternoon,

Under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021, FL Poly was allocated additional CARES funds to distribute to students as emergency funding. The CRRSAA requires priority distribution to students with the highest demonstrated need on their FAFSAs. We have determined that you meet the criteria for this priority selection (Expected Family Contributions of 5846 or less).

If you have been financially impacted by COVID19 (i.e., job loss, furlough, loss of working hours, etc.) or taken on added expenses as a result of the pandemic, **you can qualify for \$1100 in fall 21 semester FL Poly CARES emergency funding.** Added expenses may include food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and/or childcare expenses that occurred as a result of COVID19. Note: Students who have already received a fall 21 CARES disbursement \$1100 or more will not receive another disbursement and students who received an amount smaller than \$1100 will receive the difference.

You must accept this award by September 30, 2021 to qualify. Awards will be removed from CAMS after this date and allocated for other students that may need funding.

To accept your award, please visit CAMS and click on the My Financial Aid link. Click the Accept box next to the fall 21 FL Poly CARES award. By accepting these funds, you are certifying that you are in need of emergency funding due to financial impact from COVID-19.

If you have not been financially impacted and do not need these funds, please click the decline box and we will allocate the funds to our CARES application system for other students that may have need.

3. Equity Model – Loan borrowing students who had not received HEERF funding in fall 21 received the following email on 12/2/21.

Good afternoon,

Under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021, FL Poly was allocated additional CARES funds to distribute to students as emergency funding. FL Poly has identified our loan borrowing students as possibly needing emergency grant funding due to the pandemic.

If you have been financially impacted by COVID19 (i.e., job loss, furlough, loss of working hours, etc.) or taken on added expenses as a result of the pandemic, **you can qualify for \$1000 in fall 21 semester FL Poly CARES emergency funding.** Added expenses may include food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and/or childcare expenses that occurred as a result of COVID19. Note: Students who have already received a fall 21 CARES disbursement \$1000 or more will not receive another disbursement as part of this initiative.

You must accept this award by December 13th, 2021 to qualify. Awards will be removed from CAMS after this date and allocated for other students that may need funding.

To accept your award, please visit CAMS and click on the My Financial Aid link. Click the Accept box next to the fall 21 FL Poly CARES award. By accepting these funds, you are certifying that you are in need of emergency

*funding due to financial impact from COVID-19.
If you have not been financially impacted and do not need these funds, please click the decline box and we will allocate the funds to our CARES application system for other students that may have need.*