

Towson ID Number: «ID»

Dear «First_Name» «Last_Name»,

Towson University has received funding from the federal Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF). These critical funds will help eligible TU students with their educational and living expenses during the Spring 2021 semester.

Your HEERF Grant Amount

We have already awarded you a «**Description**» for \$«**Final_HEERF_Grant**» based on the eligibility criteria and amount formula outlined on our [HEERF Grant web page](#).

Frequently Asked Questions

- **How will my HEERF Grant be disbursed?**

All HEERF Grant funds will be refunded to students. They will not be applied toward any unpaid charges on your TU bill.

- **When should I expect to receive my refund?**

The total refund process can take **2 to 4 weeks**. Within **5 to 10 business days** after your funds are posted to your TU student account, the Bursars Office will order your refund for the full grant amount through their standard refund process via Bank Mobile and the State of Maryland. After they order it, you will see an “**Emergency Funds Refd AA-Doc**” entry on your TU Student Account record.

If you are already signed up for direct deposit, your refund will be sent to your financial institution by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). If not, they will mail a check. Direct deposits should be received within approximately **10 days after your refund is ordered**. Checks will take longer depending on mail delivery.

- **How can I use my HEERF Grant Funds?**

You can use your HEERF Grant funds toward your educational and living expenses this semester including tuition and fees, housing and meals, books and supplies, personal and transportation expenses, health and child care, and emergency coronavirus costs.

If you have unpaid charges on your TU bill, please consider using these funds to help pay that bill by depositing your HEERF Grant refund and then issuing payment to TU.

- **Will my HEERF Grant reduce my other financial aid?**

No, this is a one-time spring grant, and it will not cause any reductions to your other financial aid for this year or next year.

- **Do I have to repay my HEERF Grant?**

No, you will not have to repay this grant. It is a grant, not a loan.

- **Are Federal HEERF Grants taxable income?**

No. This Internal Revenue Service (IRS) [FAQ document](#) states that these HEERF grants should not be included in your reported gross income because they “are qualified disaster relief payments under section 139 of the Internal Revenue Code.”

- **Can I apply for additional HEERF Grant Funds?**

The HEERF Grant funds are limited, but students with exceptional financial need can apply for additional funds by submitting a [TU Student Emergency Grant application](#). The Student Affairs Emergency Grant committee will consider and review all applications, but will not be able to approve all requests.

How can other students apply for Emergency Grants?

All other TU students who are experiencing financial disruptions because of the coronavirus can submit a [TU Student Emergency Grant application](#).

The Emergency Grant Application is temporarily closed for a few days so they can revise the application form to accept the next round of applications. It will reopen for new applications early next week.

These grants will be funded by the remaining Federal HEERF Grant funds, the **TU Foundation’s Student Emergency and Food Insecurity Fund**, or other funding sources. During this economic and public health crisis, TU pledges to continue to provide emergency relief financial support to all students, regardless of immigration status. The **TU Foundation’s Student Emergency and Food Insecurity Fund** will be the funding source for students who aren’t eligible for federal or state funds.

Additional Questions?

- For questions about your HEERF Grant award, please use these [Financial Aid Office contact options](#). We can’t currently receive phone calls.
- For questions about the Emergency Grant application, please contact the Student Affairs Office at studentaffairs@towson.edu.

Sincerely,

The Financial Aid Office



Financial Aid Office

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