

## The Citadel Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (HEERF II): American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Supplemental Agreement (ALN 84.425E) Student Aid Portion.

The CARES Act provided The Citadel with \$1,249,579. These funds were delivered to 932 students between May 7, 2020 and July 8, 2020.

The Citadel has received an award notice from the US Department of Education for HEERF supplemental awards totaling \$1,249,579. The Citadel signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement of the CARES Act. The plan is to distribute these funds as quickly as possible directly to student accounts for refunds beginning March 25, 2021 for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

### Distribution Plan

Student must be enrolled at least half-time in the Spring Semester 2021. There were 3,693 students enrolled in the Spring Semester 2021.

Student must have valid/verified 2020-21 FAFSA form on file.

The financial aid office confirms the following:

- US Citizen or Eligible non-citizen
- Evaluate the FAFSA to determine if the student has an EFC of less than 20,000. Grant award of \$493.51. There were 633 students awarded.
- Priority will be given to students with an EFC of less than 5576. Grant award of \$1,189.32. There were 788 students awarded.
- Funds will be released by the Treasurer's Office directly to the student to provide direct, immediate aid. \$1,249,576.
- HEERF awards do not impact or reduce other aid or cover any outstanding balance at The Citadel.
- Total funding received and distributed for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Student under the CRRSAA and ARP. \$2,499,155.

Students not awarded HEERF II funds may apply for COVID relief on The Citadel's Financial Aid website with the COVID-19 Emergency Grant Fund Application.

[https://www.citadel.edu/root/images/financial\\_aid/scholarships/citadel%20covid%20fund%20application%20cadets%20%20veterans.pdf](https://www.citadel.edu/root/images/financial_aid/scholarships/citadel%20covid%20fund%20application%20cadets%20%20veterans.pdf)

The following notice was included to each recipient:

Dear <ROVFAID\_FULL\_NAME>:

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) provided The Citadel with \$1.249 million in higher education emergency relief funds for student grants. The funds are targeted to give students cash to cover their expenses related to higher education or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus.

The CRRSAA grants are awarded to students based on guidelines from the US Department of Education. To be considered, students had to be eligible for federal student financial aid as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and making satisfactory academic progress.

Based upon the eligibility criteria set forth by the US Department of Education, you have been identified to receive an emergency grant.

The Treasurer's Office will issue the entire grant amount as a direct payment. The grants will not be applied towards any outstanding tuition and fee balances. Funds will be sent by direct deposit if you are enrolled in electronic refunds through Lesesne Gateway, or a paper check mailed to your home address on file.

Please contact our office at [financial\\_aid@citadel.edu](mailto:financial_aid@citadel.edu) if you have any questions about this grant. Questions regarding the actual disbursement of these funds should be directed to the Treasurer's Office at [trsr@citadel.edu](mailto:trsr@citadel.edu).

Sincerely,

Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships

The Citadel