

International student HEERF grants clarification

You recently received an email letting you know that you may be eligible for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) grant. It was approved by Congress and includes support for higher education, including emergency grants for students facing expenses due to COVID-19. **This latest set of funds are available for non-citizens.**

The grant is based on need. Therefore, additional steps are required to determine your eligibility:

- If you are **not a U.S. citizen and have a U.S. social security number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)**, you need to complete the 2021-22 FAFSA to determine your eligibility (financial need) for the HEERF grant. Please note, even though you are not eligible for other Federal Student Aid, you may be eligible for this grant by completing this process.

Please [complete the FAFSA](#) as soon as possible. GCU needs to receive your FAFSA results by Jan. 7, 2022 for you to be considered for the grant.

Contact your SSC if you have any questions on how to complete this form.

- If you are **not a U.S. citizen and do not have a U.S. social security number or ITIN**, please follow the steps below so the university can determine your eligibility:
 - **Step 1:** Go to the [EFC Estimator Tool](#) and click the “Start” button.
 - **Step 2:** Determine EFC eligibility. If the EFC is at or above \$5,847, you are not eligible.
 - **Step 3:** If EFC is under \$5,847, download and save the EFC Summary.
 - **Step 4:** Upload the EFC Summary in your Student Portal under the HEERF Alternative EFC link no later than Jan. 7, 2022.

Contact your SSC if you have any difficulty completing the estimate or uploading the form.

As a reminder, the deadline to complete this information is Jan. 7, 2022. After that date, you will not be able to apply or be considered for these funds, so please plan to complete the necessary steps today.