

**Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund
Quarterly Report**

**Fall quarter 2021
Date of report: 01/10/2022**

Bellingham Technical College (BTC) signed and returned the Certification and Agreement to the U.S. Department of Education and assures that the institution has used, or intends to use, no less than 50 percent of the funds received under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to eligible students.

Funds received for Emergency Financial Aid Grants under CRRSSA (HEERF II) and ARP (HEERF III) programs.	CARES: \$916,526 CRRSSA: \$916,526 ARP: \$3,273,778 <hr/> TOTAL: \$5,106,830
Total Emergency Financial Aid Grants disbursed to students for Fall quarter 2021 as of December 31, 2021.	\$881,193.79
Estimated number of students eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants under the CRRSAA and ARP programs. Eligible students are those who were enrolled at BTC for Fall quarter 2021 as of October 6, 2021.	2,313
Number of students awarded an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under the CRRSAA and ARP programs for Fall quarter 2021 as of December 31, 2021.	989

Federal Emergency Aid Grant Criteria

Students with exceptional need are prioritized for awarding purposes. Students are awarded HEERF financial aid grants as part of BTC's regular financial aid awarding processes. Award amounts are based on the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) for the aid year in which funds are provided. Students with lower EFCs, including Pell-eligible students, receive larger grant amounts. Grants awarded in this manner range from \$200 to \$700 per quarter.

Additionally, all BTC students experiencing financial hardships may apply for HEERF grants through an electronic emergency funding application. Emergency Financial Aid Grants can be awarded for any portion of the students cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus. Student applications are submitted electronically and are reviewed within one week. The amount awarded is based on the type of expense identified by the applicant and generally ranges from \$100 to \$2,000 per quarter.

Guidance provided to students

Instructions, directions or guidance is provided to students by email, on the Emergency Funding [webpage](#) and in virtual lobbies led by various student services offices. The following email was sent to all students enrolled in fall 2021 courses on September 27, 2021. This includes students enrolled in on-ground and online courses.

Emergency Grants Available

BTC students may apply for an emergency grant from the Student Financial Resources office. Grants are available for students who face unforeseen expenses due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Examples of expenses may include:

- Purchasing a computer or software for participation in an online class,
- Emergency child care expenses due to changes in your class schedule,
- COVID-related medical expenses required for participation in class,
- Food expenses due the temporary closure of the campus food pantry.

If you are currently taking classes at BTC and facing expenses similar to the examples above, we invite you to complete an [Emergency Funding Application](#). Applications must include a personal statement regarding the type of expense you are facing and how it is related to a change in campus operation due to the COVID-19 outbreak. If approved, grants are awarded within one week and will be disbursed directly to you using the refunding preference established. Please note, receiving this email or applying does not guarantee that you will receive a grant.

The last day to submit an Emergency Funding Application for fall quarter is October 1, 2021 at 5 pm. Due to [ctcLink](#), there will be no Financial Aid disbursements from October 8th, 2021 through November 8th, 2021.

Students should have a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA) on file.

For questions regarding emergency grants or other funding-related questions, please contact our office at finaid@btc.edu, call (360)752-8151, or visit our office Monday & Thursdays from 8 am – 5 pm – College Services Building – Room 101.

Best regards,

BTC Student Financial Resources

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