

## **Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF) Grant Overview for MIAT College of Technology-CARES Act 2020**

MIAT College of Technology signed and submitted to the Department of Education the Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF) Certification and Agreement on April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to receive the funds allocated to the institution from the CARES Act.

As outlined in the certification and agreement expectations, as well as Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, MIAT College of Technology will use no less than 50% of the total allotted amount of funds received from the Department of Education for those eligible students whose education have been disrupted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The disbursements of funds have been distributed, and will continue to be distributed, in the form of emergency fund grants to students until the full amount allocated for student assistance is exhausted.

### **First HEERF Distribution:**

Applications for the first term of availability of the emergency grant funds were accepted between the dates of 4.27.2020 and 5.15.2020. Approved applications were processed in a timely manner. Approved applicants received a \$250 emergency grant.

The emergency grants were initially available via the online application process linked here: <https://miat.edu/grant-application/> . Application deadlines were issued. Student eligibility was determined in the following areas and was outlined on the application:

- The applicant must be an MIAT College of Technology student with an enrollment date prior to April 2020.
- The applicant must be Title IV federal financial aid eligible.
- The applicant must certify that they have experienced disruption in education due to COVID-19.
- The applicant must attest that they will utilize the funds for allowed expenses only (housing, food, utilities, technology, or other expenses needed for online learning, course materials, and medical expenses-including additional support needed for accessibility purposes.)
- The application must be received within the deadlines determined.

### **Second HEERF Distribution:**

Applications for the second term of availability of the emergency grant funds were accepted between the dates of 5.16.2020 and 6.18. 2020 for the May 2020 term following the same guidelines as above. Approved applications were processed in a timely manner. Approved applicants received a \$250 emergency grant.

### **Third HEERF Distribution:**

The third cycle of distribution was conducted during the June 2020 term. During this distribution cycle, the institution issued \$500 to each eligible student without an application process. Eligible students were in an active or leave-of-absence (LOA) status and were determined to be

Title IV federal financial aid eligible. Eligible students were issued their grant fund distribution on 7.9.20.

#### **Fourth HEERF Distribution:**

The fourth cycle distribution was completed in October of 2020. Eligible students were issued \$500 without an application process. Eligible students were determined to be Title IV federal financial aid eligible and were in an active or leave-of-absence (LOA) status. Eligible students were issued their grant fund distribution on 10.29.20.

#### **Fifth HEERF Distribution:**

The fifth distribution cycle was completed in December of 2020. Eligible students were issued \$350 without an application process. Eligible students were determined to be Title IV federal financial aid eligible and were in an active or leave-of-absence (LOA) status. Eligible students were issued their grant fund distribution on 12.16.20.

#### **Sixth HEERF Distribution:**

The sixth distribution cycle was completed in April of 2021. Eligible students were issued \$160 without an application process. Eligible students were determined to be Title IV federal financial aid eligible and were in an active or leave-of-absence (LOA) status, and were prioritized by EFC. Eligible students were issued their grant fund distribution on 4.21.21.

#### **Additional Information:**

In addition to the guidance provided on access to the HEERF funds as well as initial application processes, students have received this additional written information from MIAT:

- Students may reapply for emergency funds every term that it is offered. However, only one application per eligible student per term will be processed.
- Any emergency fund check that is not cashed within 60 days of issuance will be voided and the funds will be redistributed to another student in need.
- Additional groups of students may be determined to need emergency funding separate from the application process and in varying amounts due to extreme or unique need. This may not require application by the student. Should this occur, eligible students will be notified, and funds will be distributed in a timely manner.

Below is the current breakdown of information to further disclose MIAT College of Technology's transactions relative to HEERF (Data is current as of 6.30.2021):

Total Amount HEERF received by MIAT:	Minimal amount to be used for student emergency fund grants:	Total amount of Emergency Grants distributed to students as of 6.30.2021:	Estimated total number of students eligible for emergency grants at MIAT:	The total number of MIAT students who have received emergency funds as of 6.30.2021*:
\$2,341,441	\$1,170,721	\$1,172,531	884	2,905

\*Total number of MIAT students who have received the emergency grant as of 6.30.2021 include any students who have applied for, and been approved for, multiple disbursements of grant relief money in any term in which it was available.

**As of the date of this report, all funding from the HEERF CARES Act allotted for student emergency fund grants have been distributed.**