

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund-Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

Quarterly Report as of March 23, 2022

<u>Fund Acknowledgment</u>: The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF III) was authorized by the American Recovery Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) that was signed into law on March 11, 2021. Delta State University has received \$3,793,019.00 to provide HEERF III emergency grant aid to students. DSU will follow the instructions and guidance provided by the Federal Department of Education to allocate these funds accordingly.

Total Funding: Delta State University received \$3,793,019. 00 in HEERF III– Student Aid.

Funding Disbursed: As of March 23, 2021, \$3,723,553.75 has been disbursed.

Eligible Participants: For fall 2021, approximately 2,483 DSU students are eligible. For spring 2022, approximately, 2,261 DSU students are eligible.

Total Recipients: As of March 23, 2022, 1,655 students have received assistance.

Methodology: Students were encouraged to complete a Free Application for Federal student Aid (FAFSA) to verify eligibility requirements are met under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA). The maximum Federal Pell grant for the 2021-2022 academic year is being used as the maximum award threshold per student subject to tiered estimated family contribution levels and cost of attendance maximums by category for the applicable academic term.

<u>Application Instructions, Directions, Guidance:</u> Emergency Aid - Student Affairs (deltastate.edu)
Fall Semester: DSU students were provided instructions and guidance through email and on the DSU website as of September 15th. The deadline to apply was September 29th.

Appeal Requests: DSU students were provided instructions and guidance through email and on the DSU website as of November 5th. The deadline to apply was November 19th.

Spring Semester: DSU students were provided instructions and guidance through email and on the DSU website as of February 14th. The deadline to apply was February 25th.