

Hello, Soaring Eagles!

It's now officially Spring! Doesn't that bring a sense of hope & gratitude? It does for me, and many of the Soaring Eagles staff would agree.

When I consider everything that has happened in the past year, especially the circumstances that have affected the Shepherds College community, hope & gratitude seems like just the answer!

I am pleased to offer here a tad bit more hope by sharing about the HEERF II. This is the second round of Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds, authorized by the Coronavirus Response & Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act, which was signed into law on 12/27/2020. The HEERF II provides financial assistance to the college as well as students.

We would like your response **by 5:00p CST on Wednesday, February 24**. See below for more information.

**If you have been financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, you may request a financial aid grant at [this link](#).** Please focus on circumstances that have occurred since June 2020. You are eligible for a grant because you were a student at Shepherds College when the CRRSA Act was signed. The financial aid committee will take your responses into consideration, but reserves the right to determine the final amount of each student's financial aid grant.

**This money is intended to aid where the financial impact was felt, especially for those students with "exceptional need".** For some, that might be child care or health care. For some, that might be housing, utilities & staple supplies. For some, that might be the college tuition bill. All of this is permissible & acceptable under the HEERF II guidelines. When you complete [the grant application](#), you can specify how you want to receive the money.

Please submit only one application per student!

[Here is the link for the application again](#). Please complete this **by 5:00p CST on Wednesday, February 24**. Financial aid grants will then be disbursed in mid-April.

If you have any questions or concerns, [please reply here](#).

If this situation does not affect you, feel free to [respond accordingly](#).

Have a great day!



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