

# **Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF) Grant Spring 2023**

## **What is a HEERF III Grant?**

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 gave the U.S. Department of Education funds to distribute to institutions of higher education through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III). The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III) is \$22,867,065. Delgado issued \$659,700 to 2,199 students in Summer 2021, awarded \$6,238,400 to 8,926 students for the Fall 2021 semester, and awarded \$8,319,000 to 7,800 students for the Spring 2022 semester. Delgado awarded \$7,677,648 to 10,811 students in Fall 2022. Delgado will award approximately \$2,500,000 in funds to students enrolled in Spring 2023.

## **Who is eligible to receive HEERF III funds from Delgado?**

All Continuing, Transfer, Returning, and First Time Freshmen students enrolled at Delgado Community College in the Spring 2023 semester on April 17, 2023 are eligible for these funds. This includes citizens, permanent residents, refugees, asylum seekers, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) recipients, other DREAMers, and similar undocumented students. International students may also receive HEERF III funds.

Prisoners and High School/Dual Enrollment, Adult Education, Non-Credit, Non-Degree Seeking, Visiting, and Cross-Enrolled Students are not eligible for HEERF III funds. Students who officially withdraw are not be eligible for the funds.

**How will these funds be distributed?**

After affirming eligibility, Delgado will apply grants directly to student accounts.

**When will I receive my funds?**

Students will have funds disbursed to BankMobile within 14 days after eligibility is determined.

**I am enrolled in an online program. Am I eligible for a HEERF III grant? Yes.**

Students enrolled exclusively in online programs are eligible.

**Do these funds affect any other financial aid I receive?**

No. HEERF III grants do not affect your financial aid package.

**Will all eligible students receive the HEERF grant funds?**

Yes. We have allocated our disbursement so that all students who are eligible will receive grants.

**Is this grant considered taxable?**

No. This emergency grant will not be included in your gross income.