## CRRSAA Act: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF II) March 23, 2021

On December 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Relief and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) was signed into law and established a Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF II). Hope International University has received \$340,928 in HEERF II funds to directly support students who have demonstrated need and are facing financial challenges because of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic.

In accordance with the CRRSAA, emergency financial aid grants will be provided to eligible students (see below) to help cover expenses related to the cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care. The emergency financial aid grants aren't required to be repaid and are nontaxable.

Hope International University is committed to using the CRRSAA funds, within the parameters set by the U.S. Department of Education, to prioritize students with exceptional needs while meeting the needs of as many students as possible. Accordingly, CRRSAA emergency financial aid grants to students enrolled for the Spring 2021 Semester will be automatically disbursed as follows:

- \$750 Degree seeking students who received a federal Pell Grant and were enrolled full time.
- \$450 Degree seeking students who received a federal Pell Grant and were enrolled less than full time.
- \$250 Other full-time degree-seeking students who were eligible to file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid, whether they did so or not.
- \$175 Other less than full-time degree-seeking students who were eligible to File a Free Application for Federal Student Aid, whether they did so or not.

HEERF II emergency financial aid grants are expected to be disbursed by April 30, 2021. Eligible students will be notified by Student Financial Services when the funds will be disbursed.

Unfortunately, the U.S. Department of Education does not allow these funds to be used for international or undocumented students.

If you have experienced any hardships not covered under the CRRSAA, there may be other types of federal aid available to you. Please contact the Student Financial Services Department to determine if there are potentially other available resources to assist you.