

January 1, 2021

To All 2021-22 CAJ Students:

Pursuant to the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF), Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), this notice is being sent to inform you that you are eligible to receive a HEERF II emergency grant if you are an enrolled at Charles A. Jones Career and Education Center (CAJ).

As you pursue your education with CAJ, we realize the negative impact that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to have on students, and we are pleased to be able to provide some relief by issuing HEERF emergency grants to students. The funds provided by HEERF are grants, so they do not need to be repaid.

Emergency HEERF grants to students can be used for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus (including eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care).

All enrolled CAJ students since January 1, 2021 will receive some relief under HEERF II, so please follow the following steps to confirm which grant amount you will receive:

If you have been participating in a program that offers Federal Financial Aid you should complete your FAFSA. The website is <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>. You can also contact the CAJ Financial Aid Specialist for more information by sending an email to NiniDu@scusd.edu.

If you have been participating in any other CAJ program (CTE, Academic, ESL, and Citizenship) or if you know you are not eligible for Federal Financial Aid, you should complete a Financial Needs Assessment with the CAJ Job Center. Please call the Job Center at (916) 395-5802 or contact your Job Coach to make an appointment to complete a Financial Needs Assessment.

All enrolled CAJ students since January 1, 2021 will receive some kind of relief based on family income and family size, expected family contribution for federal financial aid or review of a Financial Needs Assessment with the Job Center. Eligibility will be reviewed monthly, and checks will be generated according to eligibility criteria. There may also be additional funding available to students who have excessive need so please complete the FAFSA or Financial Needs Assessment for a full evaluation. More information can be found on our website at: <http://caj.scusd.edu/cares-act-grant-program>.

To ensure that your checks reach you, please let us know if you have changed your address by emailing Haley-Gregg@scusd.edu.

Please feel free to contact the school office at (916) 395-5800 if you have questions.