

Dear (Student name),

In March 2021, Congress passed the American Rescue Plan which includes additional Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) allocations for Universities. NNU received funds that will be distributed directly to students who have significant financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic. NNU has established a criteria for distribution of these funds that recognizes the following:

1. Every student has incurred at least a minimal level of hardship due to the pandemic.
2. Students who have a significant financial need, as represented by a student's FAFSA and other factors, are inordinately financially affected by the pandemic. NNU is required by the government to prioritize students with exceptional financial need, such as those that receive Federal Pell grants.
3. Students may have recent life circumstances that contribute to additional hardship that may not be reflected in the factors mentioned in Item 2 above.

In order to address each of these situations, NNU will be disbursing HEERF funds in three ways.

**General Grant** - Every Fall 2021 NNU student, taking at least 1 credit, is being issued a General Grant of \$150.00 in HEERF funds. Please go into your NNU [Student Portal](#) right away to sign for these funds and direct how you would like your HEERF funds to be issued. You may choose to:

- A. Apply the funds to your student account toward any current or future charges
- B. Have the funds direct deposited into your bank account
- C. Have a check issued and sent to your mailing address on file (campus or otherwise)

**Standard Grant** - Following the General Grant distribution, any eligible student with a FAFSA EFC below 25,000 will receive additional funds. These are based on level of need, as indicated in Item 2 above. These Standard Grants will be determined and issued by November 1st (\$125 to \$1,150) to fall semester students who qualify. Funds will be distributed a second time by March 1st (\$125 to \$1,150), to spring semester students who qualify.

**Special Consideration Grant** - This application option will be available to all students who may have additional financial hardship that may not be reflected on a current FAFSA. Any student may apply for a Special Consideration Grant. These will be issued to students who can demonstrate significant financial hardship during the current school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. To be considered, please fill out the [Special Consideration Grant](#) form. Awards will be made until these funds are exhausted.

It is our hope and prayer that the issuance of these HEERF funds will provide some support for you to continue to engage your NNU education well.

Again, please log into your NNU Student Portal now to acknowledge receipt and direct distribution of your Grant.

Sincerely,  
NNU Office of Financial Aid