



May 18, 2021

Dear Student:

The federal government has allocated \$920,314.00 to Brandman University from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act. These funds are provided as grants to students in “exceptional financial need” and will be disbursed the week of June 2, 2021.

Eligibility Criteria:

To be eligible for HEERF II grant funds, students must have attended Brandman University between January 1<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup> of 2021 and have a complete 2020-2021 application for financial aid including submission of a FAFSA to the U. S. Department of Education and submission of any federally required supplemental documents to the Financial Aid Office. In addition, federal law requires that funds be provided only to U. S. Citizens or eligible non-citizens.

Lastly, funds must go to students in exceptional financial need. Accordingly, for the 2018 calendar year, students must:

- Have had a household (student and spouse) income of less than \$26,000, AND
- Have had dependents other than a spouse, AND
- Have met at least one of the following five criteria:
  - Receipt of any of the following means tested federal benefit programs: Medicaid, SSI, SNAP, Free or Reduced Price School Lunch Program, TANF, and WIC. OR
  - Filed a 2018 IRS Form 1040 but were not required to file a Schedule 1 OR
  - Filed a tax form from a Trust Territory OR
  - Was not required to file any income tax return OR
  - Was a dislocated worker or married to a dislocated worker.

This eligibility information is obtained from the 2020-2021 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

Further details regarding eligibility and other related questions can be found at:

<https://www.brandman.edu/about-brandman/consumer-information/covid19>. You may also contact your One Stop specialist.

We are thankful for the government’s support and recognize there are many deserving students who could not be assisted due to fund limitations. This pandemic has created difficult situations for many of us, and it may be possible to provide additional moneys to you from the federal student financial aid programs. If you have applied for financial aid and experienced a decrease of income since 2018, we urge you to contact your One Stop Specialist who can advise you about the procedure for communicating your change in circumstances to the Financial Aid Office. If you have not applied for financial assistance, you may apply at any time. Your campus One Stop Specialist is ready to answer questions about the application process and provide advice. There also is considerable information on our website: <https://www.brandman.edu/tuition-and-aid/financing-your-education>.

Additional emergency relief funds from the government may become available. It is therefore important that you keep your address and other information up-to-date.

We hope you and your loved ones remain safe and well. All of us at Brandman are here for you and will assist you in any way we can.

Sincerely,

Saskia Knight  
Executive Vice Chancellor, Enrollment and Student Affairs