

Emergency FSEOG

Emergency FSEOG for Graduating Students

The college has identified a population of students, that are scheduled to graduate over the next year, who have high balances. We have decided to assist this population, with Emergency Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (EFSEOG), to the extent possible based on our projected FWS unspent funds for EFSEOG. There is no application needed. Students will be automatically awarded and informed via an updated award notification. The intent is to help students graduate without institutional debt.

We are starting with students who have at least a \$500 dollar balance and cutting it off at \$9,999. Award amounts will begin at \$500 and then goes up by \$500 increments based on student balance. Highest award is \$6,000. The awards will be disbursed during the Fall 2022 semester and be applied to current and earlier balances. After the EFSEOG is disbursed, the college will gap with Discretionary Institutional Aid (DIA). For example, a student with a \$9,000 balance would receive the maximum \$6,000 in EFSEOG. The college will then gap the rest with a \$3,000 DIA award.

Berkeley's policy is to review the student's account and determine if there is any additional government or Berkeley Financial Aid that can be added to the student's package. This includes pursuing Professional Judgement review/activity.

After this, if there is still a need for additional assistance, and if our allocation does not run out, the College will award EFSEOG to students who have completed their FA file and have been awarded and sent an award notice for 2022-2023.

The EFSEOG awards will be provided as follows:

1. To TIV eligible students who are in a TIV eligible program, which includes certificate and undergraduate/graduate degree programs.
2. Awards will be made to students scheduled to graduate in fall 2022, winter 2023, and spring 2023.
3. Students' EFSEOG total awards cannot exceed the total 2022-2023 Pell Grant which is \$6,895.

Emergency FSEOG for Self-Identifying Students

For the fall 2022 semester, Berkeley College will be awarding Emergency Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (EFSEOG) to self-identifying students. These are students who

have contacted the College requesting additional assistance, without which they will be unable to attend. In addition, we will be identifying Fresh Start students* who need more assistance to return to class in the fall 2022 or winter 2023. This approach, helping Fresh Start students, was recommended by the Department when awarding HEERF. As we have a minimal amount of HEERF funds available, we will award the HEERF to these students until exhausted and then pick up with EFSEOG.

*If funds are available, the College will also identify students with balances who are not part of Fresh Start. Our intent is to make a difference where and when we can.

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After this, if there is still a need for additional assistance the College will award EFSEOG to students who have completed their FA file and have been awarded and sent an award notice for 2022-2023.

The EFSEOG awards will be provided as follows:

1. To TIV eligible students who are in a TIV eligible program, which includes certificate and undergraduate degree programs.
2. Awards will be made for both the fall 2022 and winter 2023 semesters – in equal portions.
 - a. A decision will be made in the Winter, based on availability of funds, if any EFSEOG funds will be available for winter/spring students.
 - b. Those awarded for fall 2022 and winter 2023 can request funds for spring 2023, however, that will not be pre-awarded.
 - i. Decisions will be made on availability of funds and a request.
 1. There is not an official request form. Just communication from the student.
3. Full-time students (12 or more credits per semester) will be awarded based on their individual need with a maximum of \$2,000 per semester.
 - a. Students who apply for the spring 2023, if there should be an award, that award cannot exceed the total 2022-2023 Pell Grant which is \$6,895.
 - i. This makes it possible for a student to receive three \$2,000 awards that in total equals \$6,000.
4. Part-time students (3-9 credits), as long as they are matriculated, can receive up to \$1,500 per semester.

Emergency SEOG for Laptops

Berkeley College has decided to use Emergency SEOG (ESEOG) for the 2022-2023 award year, effective for fall 2022 until funds are no longer available, in order to satisfy student requests for laptops. Once funds run out the program will be stopped.

Students have been notifying the College, self-identifying, that they require a laptop to complete their coursework. For this program, we will not require an additional application. If the student self-identifies and is not eligible for HEERF (see the HEERF QA) they will be awarded ESEOG to cover the cost, a charge that will be applied to their account, for the purchase of their laptop. All other ESEOG rules apply for eligibility including a total ESEOG for the award year that may not exceed the maximum Pell award. Students who are not eligible will be held responsible for the cost of the computer. The student is opting in by self-identifying that, indicating that they want the College to obtain a laptop for them.

In order to provide access to laptops, as quickly as possible, we will process the emergency grants before the semester begins and participation in classes is confirmed. Should a student receive a laptop, or a refund for a laptop purchase and then not attend for the awarded semester, the emergency grant will be revoked and the student will be billed for the laptop or refund, accordingly.

Note: Students can be eligible for the above ESEOG as well as the ESEOG for this laptop program.

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