

COVID-19 Financial Aid Policies

Emergency FSEOG Policy

For the fall 2022 semester, Berkeley College will be awarding 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.

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 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.

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Emergency EFSEOG for Laptops

Berkeley College has decided to use EFSEOG 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 above as well as the HEERF QA) they will be awarded EFSEOG to cover the cost, a charge that will be applied to their account, for the purchase of their laptop.

All other EFSEOG rules apply for eligibility including a total EFSEOG 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. By self-identifying, the student is indicating that they want the College to obtain a laptop for them.

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