During the pandemic, NACUBO’s advocacy efforts helped students and their institutions receive nearly $75 billion in federal relief, including:

- $40B in ARPA
- $14B in CARES
- $20B in CRRSAA

18 COVID-19 Town Halls & Legislative Lunchcasts

NACUBO is working with a community of advocates to campaign for students from low-income backgrounds.

Double the Pell Grant

92 in 2020
22 in 2021 to date

Total number of letters, legal filings, and official comments sent to federal agencies, lawmakers, and the judiciary that NACUBO either joined, authored, or supported

A custom tool from NACUBO makes it easy for you to contact lawmakers and ask them to #DoublePell.
NACUBO Advocacy and HEERF - The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) grant program provides financial aid to students and higher education institutions to help with new expenses and revenue losses associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. So far, HEERF has provided about $75 billion in aid to higher education students and institutions. NACUBO has worked extensively to shape HEERF-related guidance and legislation in 2020-21.

NACUBO’s advocacy efforts with federal lawmakers and the Department of Education resulted in a sizeable expansion of both the number of students eligible to receive HEERF emergency grants and the allowable uses for HEERF institutional aid.

NACUBO advocated with the IRS to ensure that all HEERF emergency grants remain nontaxable for students, and to ensure that schools faced no new, burdensome reporting requirements for the grants on students’ 1098-T forms.

NACUBO conveyed member concerns on HEERF compliance guidance as it was developed, and continues to communicate with ED to craft guidance that helps colleges and universities utilize this relief aid as effectively as possible.

Contact us at advocacy@nacubo.org to find out more.