



Immediate Assistance Grant

Summary and Eligibility

The Immediate Assistance Grant is designed to provide immediate relief to students with exceptional need for expenses related to the disruptions due to the Coronavirus. Immediate Assistance Grants in the amount of \$250 will be automatically awarded and immediately distributed to students who meet all of the following criteria:

- Enrolled as an undergraduate student at MSU during the Summer 2021 semester, and
- Have an expected family contribution for the 2020-2021 aid year of less than \$5,712

Awarding Procedure

Eligible students will be identified by the Office of Student Financial Aid. Immediate Assistance Grants will be awarded to eligible recipients at an accepted status.

Because HEERF III Emergency Assistance Grant funds authorized under the American Rescue Plan Act are not considered federal financial assistance, a corresponding cost of attendance (COA) budget component of \$250 will be added to recipients' Summer 2021 COA to negate any impact the grant may have on recipients' financial aid eligibility.

HEERF III grants may not be packaged to student aid offers in a manner that might be misconstrued as utilization for marketing or recruitment purposes. For this reason, all eligible recipients will be identified and grants issued on June 21, 2021, after regular Summer 2021 disbursements have been issued on both campuses.

Recipients will not be given the opportunity to provide written or electronic consent to have Immediate Assistance Grants applied to outstanding MSU account charges. All Immediate Assistance Grant funds will be refunded directly to the recipients, bypassing outstanding charges. Should a recipient wish to apply funds from their Immediate Assistance Grant to outstanding MSU account charges, they may do so after the funds have been refunded to them.

Estimated Cost

Based on historic summer semester Pell recipient enrollment rates, the following are the anticipated costs for the Immediate Assistance Grant:

- Missouri State University – Springfield: \$200,000 - \$400,000
- Missouri State University – West Plains: \$50,000 - \$60,000