

Emergency Financial Assistance Grant Summary

Summary and Eligibility

The HEERF III Emergency Financial Assistance Grant is designed to provide financial relief to students for expenses related to the disruptions due to the Coronavirus. Emergency Financial Assistance Grants will be awarded to eligible students in accordance with U.S. Department of Education guidelines. Funds will be disbursed in the approximate amount of \$748,000 for the Springfield campus and \$594,000 for the West Plains campus. Eligible recipients will be identified by the institution and awarded within one of the following grant tiers.

Tier 1: Undergraduate Pell Grant Eligible Students (“Exceptional Need Emergency Assistance Grant”)

The Exceptional Need Emergency Assistance Grant is designed to provide financial relief to our students with exceptional financial need for expenses related to the coronavirus. Exceptional Need Emergency Assistance Grants in the approximate amount of \$188 on the Springfield campus and \$940 on the West Plains campus will be automatically awarded and distributed to students who meet the following criteria:

- Currently enrolled Spring 2022 as an undergraduate student at MSU at Spring 2022 Census (February 22, 2022)

AND

- Have an expected family contribution (EFC) between 0 – 5,846.

Tier 2: Remaining Eligible Domestic Students (West Plains campus only)

The Emergency Assistance Grant is designed to provide financial relief to our currently enrolled domestic students for expenses related to the coronavirus. Emergency Assistance Grants in the approximate amount of \$660 on the West Plains Campus will be automatically awarded and distributed to students who meet the following criteria:

- Currently enrolled Spring 2022 as an undergraduate at MSU West Plains campus at Spring 2022 Census (February 22, 2022),

AND

- Has not been awarded an “Exceptional Need Emergency Assistance Grant”



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



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HEERF III FALL DISTRIBUTION PLAN

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WHEREAS, the Federal Department of Higher Education announced on May 11, 2021 the awards for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds III;

WHEREAS, the Springfield Campus was awarded \$20,758,527 for student aid and the West Plains campus was awarded \$1,770,684 for student aid;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Governors for Missouri State University that the following Immediate Assistance Grant utilization a portion of the HEERF III student aid portion be approved.

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Tier 1: Pell Grant Eligible Students (Prioritizing Students with “Exceptional Need”)

The Exceptional Need Emergency Assistance Grant is designed to provide financial relief to our students with exceptional financial need for expenses related to the coronavirus. Exceptional Need Emergency Assistance Grants in the amount of **\$1,500** will be automatically awarded and distributed to students who meet the following criteria:

- Currently enrolled Fall 2021 as an undergraduate student at MSU,

AND

- Have an expected family contribution (EFC) between 0 – 5,846.

Tier 2: Remaining Eligible Domestic Students

The Emergency Assistance Grant is designed to provide financial relief to our currently enrolled domestic students for expenses related to the coronavirus. Emergency Assistance Grants in the amount of **\$1,000** will be automatically awarded and distributed to students who meet the following criteria:

- Currently enrolled Fall 2021 as an undergraduate or graduate student at MSU,

AND

- Has not been awarded a High Need Emergency Assistance Grant,

Tier 3: Eligible International Students

The International Student Emergency Assistance Grant is designed to provide financial relief to our currently enrolled international students for expenses related to the coronavirus. International Student Emergency Assistance Grants in the amount of **\$750** will be awarded and distributed to students who meet the following criteria:

- Currently enrolled in Fall 2021 courses located within the United States an undergraduate or graduate student at MSU,

AND

- Has not been awarded an Exceptional Need Emergency Assistance Grant or an Emergency Assistance Grant,

AND

- Demonstrates via The International Student Emergency Assistance Grant Application exceptional need as noted by the U.S. Department of Education in the Higher Education Relief Fund III Frequently Asked Questions document.

Affirmative Confirmation (Paying Funds to Outstanding Balance)

Prior to disbursement, all grant recipients will be provided with the opportunity to opt-in (affirmative confirmation) to allow emergency grants to be applied to outstanding account charges.

As with funds distributed under the CRRSAA, HEERF III Emergency Assistance Grants authorized under the ARPA may be applied to a student's account to pay outstanding charges consisting of allowable costs only if the grant recipient opts-in and provides written or electronic authorization for the institution to do so. Providing affirmative consent cannot be a grant selection criteria or condition for receiving HEERF III grant funds.

HEERF III Awarding Protocol

Prior to disbursement, all recipients will be emailed with instructions to have funds applied to their account or distributed directly to them:

- One of three fund codes will be added to the online Fall 2021 aid offer for all eligible grant recipients. The three fund codes will differentiate between Tiers 1, 2, & 3.
- Recipients will be instructed to **accept** the offered fund if they consent to having HEERF III grant funds applied to outstanding account charges. Recipients will be instructed to **decline** the offered fund if they do not consent to have HEERF III grant funding applied to outstanding account charges.
 - All accepted funds will be disbursed through the normal fund payment process to pay any outstanding charges first, with excess funds issued to students as a refund.
 - All declined funds will be disbursed through the special channel designed for HEERF I, bypassing outstanding account charges and issued directly to students as a refund.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION

In response to the ongoing COVID-19 global pandemic, the 2021 American Rescue Plan (ARP) has provided an additional emergency financial aid grant for students called the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III). This grant may be used to assist students who have exceptional needs related to educational costs, food, housing, healthcare or childcare.

The International Student Emergency Assistance Grant is funded through Missouri State University's HEERF III student portion and is designed to provide financial relief to our currently enrolled international students for expenses related to the coronavirus. International Student Emergency Assistance Grants in the amount of **\$750** will be awarded and distributed to students who meet the following criteria:

- Currently enrolled in Fall 2021 courses as an undergraduate or graduate student at MSU,
AND
- Is located within the United States,
AND
- Has exceptional need,
AND
- Has not been awarded an Exceptional Need Emergency Assistance Grant or an Emergency Assistance Grant.

Please answer the following questions to apply for an International Student Emergency Assistance Grant. Please note that funding is limited and applicants will be notified when a decision is made.

1. Student Name:
2. Student BearPass ID Number: M
3. Student Date of Birth:
4. Student Cell Phone Number:
5. Bear Mail Email Address:
6. Student Local Mailing Address:

7. Are you located within the United States for undergraduate or graduate coursework? Y N
8. Are you enrolled as a graduate or undergraduate student?
9. What is your family's average 2021 monthly income (in US dollars)?
10. How many individuals are included in your family size?
11. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, I attest that I have incurred the following expenses/needs and am requesting financial assistance (check all that apply):
 - a. Housing
 - b. Health Care
 - c. Course Materials
 - d. Tuition
 - e. Food Costs
 - f. Child Care
 - g. Technology
 - h. Other:

By submitting this application, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the information on this form and certify that all information submitted is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that submitting this form does not guarantee that my request for financial assistance will be granted.