

### Dear Student,

You were recently awarded an emergency relief grant for \$188 from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF).

This emergency grant has been added to your online aid offer and can be found within the 2021-2022 Aid Year. To access your online aid offer please follow these steps:

- 1. Sign into your My.MissouriState.edu account
- 2. Navigate to your "Student" tab
- 3. Click the "Financial Aid Home Page" link under your My Financial Aid module
- 4. Select the 2021/2022 Aid Year from the drop-down box
- 5. Navigate to your "Award Offer" tab

It is important to know that you will receive your grant money regardless of your next decision.

- If you **consent** to have Missouri State University apply your emergency grant funding to charges currently owed on your student account first, then refund any surplus funds to you, <u>please accept the COVID Relief fund</u>.
- If you **do not consent** to have Missouri State University apply your emergency grant funding to charges currently owed on your student account, but would rather receive the full portion of your grant funding directly, please **decline** the COVID Relief fund that has been offered to you.
  - You will still receive your emergency grant money if you decline this fund. A different fund for the same value will replace the declined fund on your online aid offer and will be issued directly to you, bypassing any charges currently on your student account.

Please either accept or decline this fund as soon as possible, but <u>no later than 11:59 pm on Sunday, March 20, 2022</u>. Funds left at an "Offered" status will be treated as if declined.

During the week of March 21, 2022 the Office of Student Financial Aid will work to disburse all accepted funds to student accounts. Once completed, those who did not consent to have funds paid to outstanding MSU charges will have their funds issued to them directly, bypassing any balance owed to the institution.

Because some students may opt-out of having these funds applied toward outstanding account balance charges, receipt of COVID Relief Grant funds as a refund is in no way an indication that your financial responsibility to Missouri State University has been resolved.

Please sign into you My.MissouriState.edu account to view and verify your current account balance.

If you have questions, please contact the Office of Student Financial Aid at <u>FinancialAid@MissouriState.edu</u> or (417) 836-5262.

Sincerely,

Your Office of Student Financial Aid

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## **HEERF III SUMMER GRANT NOTIFICATION EMAIL**

Dear Student,

You were recently awarded Summer 2021 emergency relief grant money made available through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) as authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act. These funds are intended to help offset financial burdens incurred as a result of the Coronavirus.

The value of this grant is \$250 and can be viewed on your 2020-2021 Financial Aid Offer. The funds have already been accepted on your behalf so there is no additional action on your part to receive the money. The funds will be disbursed to your account on Tuesday, July 6.

These funds will **not** be applied to any outstanding account balance you may have with Missouri State University. Instead, the money will be refunded directly to you for expenses related to the Coronavirus. As such, receipt of this refund money is **not** an indication that your account balance with the University has been resolved. Please review your account balance online to determine if you still owe money for the current or previous semester(s).

If you have not already done so, please setup non-payroll direct deposit to ensure these funds are available to you as quickly as possible. Additional information, as well as instructions to setup non-payroll direct deposit, can be found online <u>HERE</u>.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact us at <a href="mailto:FinancialAid@MissouriState.edu">FinancialAid@MissouriState.edu</a> or you can call at (417) 836-5262.

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#### Dear Student,

You have been awarded a Fall 2021 emergency relief grant from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) to offset financial burdens incurred because of the coronavirus. You will need to indicate how you would like the grant to be applied by following the steps outlined below.

This emergency grant can be found on your 2021-2022 aid offer by following these steps:

- 1. Sign into your My.MissouriState.edu account
- 2. Navigate to your "Student" tab
- 3. Click the "Financial Aid Home Page" link under your My Financial Aid module
- 4. Select the 2021/2022 Aid Year from the drop-down box
- 5. Navigate to your "Award Offer" tab

# It is important to know that you will receive your grant money regardless of your next decision.

- If you **CONSENT** to have MSU apply your emergency grant to charges currently owed on your account, please **ACCEPT** the offered fund.
- If you **DO NOT CONSENT** to have MSU apply your emergency grant to charges currently owed on your account but would instead prefer to receive the full portion of your grant funding as a refund, please **DECLINE** the offered fund.
  - O You will still receive your emergency grant money if you decline this fund. Your funds will simply be processed in a different way.

Please accept or decline this fund as soon as possible, but no later than 11:59 pm on Wednesday, October 6, 2021. Funds left at an "Offered" status will be treated as if consent was not provided.

### To expedite receipt of your money, sign up for direct deposit no later than October 10.

Remember, refunds from the HEERF grant are not an indication that your financial responsibility to Missouri State University has been resolved. Sign into your My.MissouriState.edu account to view and verify your current account balance.

For more information, please view our HEERF III Q&A webpage.

While we are making every effort to deliver these funds to you as soon as possible, it is still not clear what impact the impending/potential government shutdown might have on the distribution of these funds.



Dear «First\_Name»,

As you have hopefully heard, you were recently awarded a Fall 2021 emergency relief grant to help offset expenses incurred because of the Coronavirus.

Currently, our records indicate that you have not yet take action on this fund. Please log in to your My.MissouriState.edu account and navigate to your online aid offer page to do so before this Thursday (October 7). Information regarding the fund can be found online in a recent blog post.

Remember, no matter what you do with the fund (accept it or decline it) you will receive your funds.

By accepting the offered fund, you are granting your consent to allow MSU to apply the money to your outstanding account balance of **\$«Acct\_Balance»**. Any remaining funds after your account balance is paid in full will be refunded directly to you.

By declining the offered fund, you are not granting your consent to allow MSU to apply the money to your outstanding account balance of **\$«Acct\_Balance»**. Instead, 100% of your emergency grant will be refunded directly to you.

To expedite receipt of your money, sign up for direct deposit no later than October 10.

Because students can elect not to apply funds from this grant to their account balance, refunds from this emergency relief grant are not an indication that your financial responsibility to Missouri State University has been resolved. Sign into your My.MissouriState.edu account to view and verify your current account balance.

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Dear <Student's Name>,

You have been awarded a Fall 2021 emergency relief grant from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) to offset financial burdens incurred because of the coronavirus. You will need to indicate how you would like the grant to be applied by following the steps outlined below.

This emergency grant can be found on your 2021-2022 aid offer by following these steps:

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- 2. Navigate to your "Student" tab
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- If you **DO NOT CONSENT** to have MSU apply your emergency grant to charges currently owed on your account but would instead prefer to receive the full portion of your grant funding as a refund, please **DECLINE** the offered fund.
  - You will still receive your emergency grant money if you decline this fund. Your funds will simply be processed in a different way.

Please accept or decline this fund as soon as possible, but no later than 11:59 pm on Sunday, October 24, 2021. Funds left at an "Offered" status will be treated as if consent was not provided.

#### To expedite receipt of your money, sign up for direct deposit no later than October 10.

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For more information, please view our HEERF III Q&A webpage.

While we are making every effort to deliver these funds to you as soon as possible, it is still not clear what impact the impending/potential government shutdown might have on the distribution of these funds.



Dear «Name»,

Upon review of your application for the International Student Emergency Assistance Grant you were determined to be ineligible for funding.

According to U.S. Department of Education guidelines, international students must demonstrate exceptional financial need to qualify for emergency relief funds. Based on the average 2021 income you reported of \$«FamilyMonthlyIncome» USD per month, you did not meet this criterion.

As such, we are unable to award you the International Student Emergency Assistance Grant and your application for funding has been denied.

Respectfully,

The Office of Student Financial Aid Missouri State University



# 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.