

CRRSAA: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF II)

Student Aid Report (Information as of June 15, 2021)

Background:

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) is authorized by the American Rescue Plan (ARP), Public Law 117-2 which was signed into law on March 11, 2021. ARP funds are in addition to funds authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Public Law 116-260 and the Coronavirus Aid, Recovery, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136.

The following information must appear in a format and location that is easily accessible to the public. The initial report 30-day is due by June 15, 2021, and must also be updated no later than 10 days after the end of each calendar quarter (September 30, December 31, March 31, June 30) thereafter, unless the Secretary specifies an alternative method of reporting.

Required Information

1. An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used the applicable amount of funds designated under the ARP (a)(1) program to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

Institutions who received HEERF I grant funds under the CARES Act were not required to submit an application for the HEERF II or HEERF III grant. Midland University received its HEERF III Grant Award Notification on May 16, 2021. Midland University will use no less than \$1,695,646 (the student portion) of the funds received under Section 2003(a)(1) of the Act CFDA 84.425E Allocation to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

2. The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

The total amount of funds that Midland University received from the Department is \$1,695,646 pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the ARP (a)(1) program as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the initial report and every calendar quarter thereafter).

The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants that has been distributed to students under Section 2003(a)(1) of the ARP Act as of the 30 days after the date of submission is \$405,635 as of June 15, 2021. Current applications are closed and will be opened later in Fall 2021.

4. The estimated total number of students at the institution that are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the ARP (a)(1) program.

CRRSAA requires that institutions prioritize students with exceptional need, such as students who receive Pell Grants, in awarding financial aid grants to students.

Eligible student groups include citizens, permanent residents, international students, refugees, asylum seekers, DACA recipients, other DREAMers and similar undocumented students. The ARP requires that institutions prioritize students with exceptional need and authorizes grants to students enrolled in both campus and online programs, degree and non-degree seeking, credit, non-credit or dual enrollment.

As of June 15, 2021, Midland enrolled approximately 1200 students who submitted a FAFSA or the HEERF Application. Midland estimates these funds will be distributed to approximately 600 of the neediest of these students.

5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under the ARP (a)(1) program.

The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 2003(a)(1) of the ARP Act at Midland University is 247 as of June 15, 2021. Current applications are closed and will be opened later in Fall 2021.

6. The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under the ARP (a)(1) program.

Undergraduate distributions

Emergency grants are available to students who are experiencing unexpected financial stresses due to the COVID-19 crisis. Grants started to be funded in Spring 2021 by the federal government through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) III. The FAFSA was used to determine Title IV eligibility and Students who were not able to complete a FAFSA could be considered by completing an institutional application documenting their need or expenses.

Awards were distributed on a tiered approach to assist those students with the greatest need the most. Federal Pell Grant recipients received the highest grant amount since these students demonstrate the greatest financial need. Since our need-based aid programs are based on student and family income, this method also ensures that students with demonstrated financial need are assisted, that is, those most likely to be financially affected by the pandemic.

Students were required to complete an application for an award to identify their need. Award amounts were determined based on several factors, including but not limited to: Pell Grant recipients, recipients of institutional need-based aid, and recipients of other non-institutional need-based aid. These students were encouraged to complete the FAFSA.

Grants may be used for any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care), childcare, other educational expenses.

Distributions to Graduate Students

Emergency grants are available to students who are experiencing unexpected financial stresses due to the COVID-19 crisis. Grants started to be funded in Spring 2021 by the federal government through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) III . The FAFSA was used to determine Title IV eligibility and Students who were not able to complete a FAFSA could be considered by completing an institutional application documenting their need or expenses.

Graduate students seeking funds for expenses related to their educational needs during the pandemic were asked to fill out an application. The CRRSA and ARP require that institutions prioritize students with exceptional need and authorize grants to students enrolled in both campus and on-line programs, degree and non-degree seeking.

To help determine exceptional financial need, Midland is encouraging all U.S. citizens and permanent residents to file a FAFSA. Exceptions to filing a FAFSA may be granted but students would have to provide sufficient documentation to prove exceptional need without a FAFSA.

Grants may be used for any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care), childcare, and other educational expenses.

Awards will not exceed demonstrated need for funding.

7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

The communication to undergraduate students who received awards can be found [here](#)

Overview information about the ARP HEERF III Act grants to students, as well as other financial relief related to COVID-19, can be found on Midland's **Student Resources Website** - [here](#)