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**James Madison University
American Rescue Plan Act (HEERF III) Emergency Aid Fund Reporting**

The Department of Education requires institutions to report on the receipt and usage of their allocation from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III). This includes reporting of both distributions received by JMU:

- Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students
- Institutional Portion

The report must be posted on the institution’s primary website, and contain the most current information from the date the institution received its allocation.

American Rescue Plan Act (HEERF III) Institutional Portion Reporting
Original Report Date: 6/30/21 (Quarterly)
Updated Report: 9/30/21 (Quarterly)

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American Rescue Plan Act (HEERF III) Student Emergency Aid Fund Reporting

Original Report Date: 6/30/21 (Quarterly)
Updated Report Date: 9/30/21 (Final)

Required Report Items

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1. An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned the Certification and Agreement form & the assurance that the institution has used, or intends to use, no less than the required amount of funds received to provided HEERF grants to students. ▲

JMU acknowledges this has taken place.

2. The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department of Education. ▲

JMU has been allocated, and received, \$15,914,548 in Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund – Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students (HEERF III).

3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students. ▲

As of 9/30/21 – \$15,914,548 has been distributed to students.

4. The estimated total number of students at the institution eligible to receive a HEERF III grant. ▲

As of 9/30/21 – It is estimated that 21,280 students may have potentially been eligible to receive a HFFRF III Grant

5. The total number of students who have received a HEERF III grant. ▲

As of 9/30/21 – 7,959 students have received a grant from this program.

6. The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive HEERF III grants and how much they would receive. ▲

Students Enrolled in Summer 2021 Courses

A block grant of \$2,000 was awarded to all students enrolled in at least a half-time basis of courses during the Summer 2021 term (at the time the awarding process was run). No appeal options were available for students enrolled in this term. Pell Grant recipients in Summer 2021 defined as exceptionally needed.

Students Enrolled in Fall 2021 Courses

Exceptional Needy in Fall 2021– JMU is defining this based on two populations of students:

- First – Group 1 students are all students with a 2021-22 FAFSA on file and an EFC below \$26,001 (the FAFSA does not have to be verified).
- Second – Group 2 students (outline below) may be determined exceptionally need based on their appeal.

Group 1: Fall 2021 students enrolled in an at least a half-time basis of courses at the time the award is made with an EFC from the FAFSA less than \$26,001. A \$2,000 award was made to these students.

Group 2: Students enrolled in an at least a half-time basis of courses during the term in which they are appealing, and who were not awarded in Summer 2021 or Group 1 during the Fall 2021 term, could submit an individual appeal for up to \$2,000.

Students may not receive more than \$2,000 in total from HEERF III funding, so individual appeals were not accepted for any student who received the \$2,000 award in Summer or through the Group 1 awarding process.

7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the HEERF III grants. ▲

a) Group 1 students were sent an [award notice](#) that stated the following:

Notice:

As a result of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP), JMU has been allocated emergency student aid funds. These funds are referred to as HEERF II Grants. According to guidance provided by the Department of Education (ED), *“Emergency financial aid grants may be used by students for any component of their cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care. Students determine how they may use their emergency financial aid grant within the allowable uses.”*

You appear to meet the eligibility criteria, as outlined ED, to be considered for assistance. As such, you can log into the 2021-22 financial aid section of your MyMadison account and see an award made for \$2,000.

Your next steps:

- If you meet the criteria outlined above, no action is needed on your part.
- If you do not meet the criteria to receive these funds, you must e-mail us at fin_aid_covid@jmu.edu to request it be canceled.
- You have the option to e-mail us at fin_aid_covid@jmu.edu if you would like to reduce the amount of the award, which would make funds available for another student.

By accepting the refund this award will generate, you are acknowledging that you have a need for these funds to help with your educational costs, or that you have incurred emergency costs that arose due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care), or child care.

Students will receive their award through the refund process established in the University Business Office. If you have questions about setting up the refund process, please review the website at www.jmu.edu/ubo. These funds will not be held and applied to any JMU charges. Once received, students may use the funds to assist with the designated expenses, including using them to make a payment to JMU for tuition charges. These are grant awards, with no expectation of being repaid.

For additional information about this award and HEERF III funding, please visit the [JMU ARP \(HEERF III\) Emergency Aid](#) website.

b) Group 2 students completed an appeal form that contained the language below. Additionally, they received a follow-up award notice that is also shown below:

Appeal Form

HEERF III Emergency Aid Appeal

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Students submitting an appeal must be enrolled at least half-time.

Students will not be approved for more than \$2,000 in total HEERF III Grants. Individuals who already received \$2,000 from this program in Summer 2021 or Fall 2021 should not submit an appeal.

Award

Maximum of \$2,000

Deadline

05/01/2022

Supplemental Questions

1. I am requesting funding from HEERF III to help cover the following expenses (Check applicable box):

- Tuition
- Books/Course Materials
- Housing/Rent
- Food
- Utilities
- School related technology and/or supplies (e.g., Internet, tutoring, computing issues, etc.)
- Healthcare needs (e.g., medication, counseling, etc.)
- Other (list reason):

2. If the expense you are requesting the funding for is not listed above, please indicate your other reasons here:

3. In detail, explain why you are requesting these funds and how they will be used.

4. By submitting this appeal, I acknowledge the following: • The information reported on this form is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. • These funds do not need to be repaid. • The submission of this request does not guarantee that I will receive funding. • A limited amount of funding exists and the full amount requested may not be awarded. • These funds will not be held and applied to your JMU charges. • If the appeal is approved, students will receive these funds through the refund process established in the University Business Office.

Award Notice

We're happy to report that your HEERF III Emergency Aid Appeal has been approved!

No additional action is required on your part for this grant to be awarded and processed by our office. You should be able to log into the Financial Aid section of your MyMadison account and see the award listed there.

The next step is for the funds to be disbursed to the University Business Office. We cannot tell you exactly when that will occur, but we can say that our goal is to get this money to students as quickly as possible.

If you determine that you need less than the \$2,000 HEERF III Grant you have been awarded, you may e-mail us at fin_aid_covid@jmu.edu and request a reduction in your award amount. Any reduction to your award will provide funds for additional students to receive assistance.

You will receive a refund of this grant through the refund process you established in the University Business Office. This is the same process you have set up for all other refunds sent to you by that office. If you have questions about the refund process, please review the website at www.jmu.edu/ubo.

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