

American Rescue Plan (ARP/HEERF III) Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund - Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) is authorized by the American Rescue Plan (ARP), Public Law 117-2, signed into law on March 11, 2021, providing \$39.6 billion in support to institutions of higher education to serve students and ensure learning continues during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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. Emergency funds available to institutions and their students under all emergency funds total \$76.2 billion

Certification and Agreement Acknowledgement:

HEERF I - Hesston College acknowledges that a signed Certification and Agreement was submitted to the Department of Education on April 14, 2020 for HEERF I grant funding. This agreement indicated our commitment and assurance that Hesston College would use no less than 50% of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) (HEERF I) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

HEERF III (ARP) - Section 2003(7) of the ARP requires Recipient, an institution of higher education as defined in section 101 or 102(c) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), 20 USC § 1001 or 1002(c), to provide emergency financial aid grants to students in an amount equivalent to the sum of two amounts: 50 percent of the portion of its allocation that is based on formula factors from CRRSAA section 314(a)(1)(A)-(D) and 100 percent of the portion of its allocation that is based on formula factors from CRRSAA section 314(a)(1)(E)-(F). The amount of funds made available by this supplemental award under Assistance Listing Number (ALN) 84.425E represents the minimum amount that Recipient must use for making emergency financial aid grants to students.

Funds Received per the ARP HEERF Grant:

Hesston College received a total of \$575,799 for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds for students grants. The funds were received on May 13, 2021.

Distributed Grants:

As of March 31, 2022, all \$575,799 of the HEERF student grants have been distributed to students. In the fall of 2021, \$287,900 was distributed as reported earlier and in the spring of 2022, \$287,899 was distributed. This report will provide details on the spring distribution.

Student Eligibility:

In the spring of 2022, a total of 300 students at Hesston College were eligible to participate in the program under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

Grants Awarded:

All 300 students eligible to receive an Emergency Financial Aid Grant received a grant.

Distribution Methodology:

It was determined that two separate grant distributions would be awarded, one in the fall semester and one in the spring semester, each distribution using half of the total allocated HEERF III funds.

To Determine the distribution method for the HEERF III Grants, the same formula was used that was developed and used for the distribution of HEERF I grants. For the HEERF I grants, a team of 6 Hesston College Faculty and Staff members was created. The team determined that all students should receive grant funding as all students were impacted financially in some way from the disruption of campus operations related to COVID-19. To determine grant amounts distributed, a formula was selected to address two factors, part-time and full-time status as well as a need based analysis according to a completed FAFSA or other financial data points. Below is the formula that was created and used to identify student grant disbursement amounts.

Total Funding Available \$287,899		Full-time Allocation \$279,099		Part-time Allocation \$8,800	
		*Total Eligible Students		300	
EFC / International Eqv	Full Time	Part-Time	% of Population Eligible		
0	57	2	20%		
1-10,000	102	6	36%		
10,000-50,000	91	7	33%		
50,001+	32	3	12%		
	282	18	100%		
EFC Range	0	1-10000	10001-50000	50000+	Totals
% of Funding	28%	39%	25%	5%	97%
Funds for EFC	\$80,655.00	\$112,200.00	\$70,980.00	\$15,264.00	\$279,099
Total Students FT	57	102	91	32	282
Full-Time Grant Award	\$1,415.00	\$1,100.00	\$780.00	\$477.00	\$279,099
% of Funding	1%	1%	1%	0%	3%
Funds for EFC	\$1,510.00	\$3,540.00	\$2,940.00	\$810.00	\$8,800
Total Students PT	2	6	7	3	18
Part-Time Grant Award	\$755.00	\$590.00	\$420.00	\$270.00	\$8,800.00
					\$287,899.00

Student Information and Guidance:

The following email and form were sent to all qualifying students on March 10, 2022, to inform students about the upcoming disbursement:

Dear Student,

This email has information related to an emergency student aid grant that has been awarded to you from a coronavirus relief act passed by Congress. Please read this email in its entirety.

On March 11, 2021 Congress passed the American Rescue Plan (ARP). This act allocates funding to higher education institutions for the purpose of providing Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) Grants to eligible students. Hesston College has been allocated \$575,799 to provide eligible students with emergency student aid which can be used for any portion of a student's cost of attendance (e.g., tuition and fees, room and board, cost of books, supplies, transportation), or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care.

Hesston College is awarding HEERF III grants in two parts, one distribution occurred this past fall and one distribution will occur the week of March 28 – April 1.

- To qualify for a fall grant, a student had to be enrolled (degree-seeking) at least half-time on September 30, 2021 and be residing within the USA.
- To qualify for a spring grant, a student had to be enrolled (degree-seeking) at least half-time on February 28, 2022 and be residing within the USA. *Please note that allocations in the spring may differ depending on student counts and any changes to enrollment status.*

For the spring semester, the HEERF III Grant that you have been awarded is **\$xxxx.xx**

To determine grant amounts distributed, a formula was used to address two factors, part-time and full-time status as well as a data informed need-based analysis.

The Student Emergency Relief Grant that has been allocated to you can be distributed in three ways. The college can provide a check for pick-up in the Business Office, you can choose to put the grant amount on your student account as a payment towards any current balance owed, or *Online Only* students may request a check sent to the address of choice.

IMPORTANT: later today, a survey will be sent to your campus email address. On the survey, you will be asked to identify how you would like to receive your allocation. You

MUST complete this form to receive your allocated relief grant. Form responses are due on **Wednesday, March 23 at 5:00 pm.**

Distribution of allocated grants will be processed the week of March 28-April 1 and you will be contacted when your grant has been processed.

Please be on the lookout for the survey email.

ARP Student Emergency Relief Grant Distribution Survey

On March 11, 2021 Congress passed the American Rescue Plan (ARP). This act allocates funding to higher education institutions for the purpose of providing Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) Grants to eligible students. Hesston College has been allocated funding to provide eligible students with emergency student aid which can be used for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care or child care.

In order to receive your allocated relief grant you must answer the following questions.

lisa.george@hesston.edu [Switch account](#)



* Required

Email *

Your email

What is your full name? *

Your answer

The funds derived from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) are aimed at helping students during the pandemic. The funds may be used for any portion of a student's cost of attendance (e.g., tuition and fees, room and board, cost of books, supplies, transportation), or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care. *

By checking this box I accept the Emergency Relief Grant that has been allocated to me and I acknowledge that I have read the above statement and affirm that the funds will be used as intended.

The Student Emergency Relief Grant that has been allocated to you can be distributed in three ways. The college can provide a check for pick-up in the Business Office, you can choose to put the grant amount on your student account as a payment towards any current balance owed, or Online Only students may request a check sent to the address of choice. (Distributions will take place the week of March 28-April 1, 2022) *

- Put allocated grant amount on my student account as a payment towards current balance owed
- Provide a check for pick-up in the Business Office
- Send a check to the home address listed below (online students only)

(Online Students Only) If you selected "Home Address Listed Below", provide the address including street address, city, state, and zip code below

Your answer

Submit

Clear form

The following emails were sent to all qualifying students on **March, 28, 2022** to inform students that grant funds were ready for disbursement:

Dear Hesston College Student,

As you may have seen in previous emails from me, an ARP Student Emergency Relief Grant has been allocated to you. Your allocated grant funding has been processed.

Your check is ready to be picked up in the Business Office. Please note, **we will not be able to cash these checks**, however, we can apply the check to your student account if you would choose to do so.

Thank you,

Lisa George,
Chief Financial Officer

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Dear Hesston College Student,

Thank you for responding to the "ARP Student Emergency Relief Grant Distribution Survey Spring 2022".

Your allocated grant funding has been processed.

On the survey, you chose to pick up your check at the Business Office. Your check is ready to be picked up. Please note, **we will not be able to cash these checks**, however, we can apply the check to your student account if you would choose to do so.

Thank you,

Lisa George,
Chief Financial Officer

Dear Hesston College Student,

Thank you for responding to the "ARP Student Emergency Relief Grant Distribution Survey Spring 2022".

Your allocated grant funding has been processed.

You elected to have your check mailed to a home or other address and those are being mailed this week. It may take several days for the USPS to deliver the check.

Thank you,

Lisa George,
Chief Financial Officer

Dear Hesston College Student,

Thank you for responding to the "ARP Student Emergency Relief Grant Distribution Survey Spring 2022".

Your allocated grant funding has been processed.

Per your request on the "ARP Student Emergency Relief Grant Distribution Survey Spring 2022", your personal disbursement has been applied to your student account to reduce any remaining balance outstanding for the current year.

Thank you,

Lisa George,
Chief Financial Officer