



CARES ACT REPORTING ON EMERGENCY FINANCIAL AID GRANTS TO STUDENTS

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) (Pub. L. 117-2). The ARP appropriated approximately \$39.6 billion for **the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III)** and represents the third stream of funding appropriated for HEERF (III) to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus. Taken together, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) (Pub. L. 116-136), the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) (Pub. L. 116-260), and the ARP represent HEERF I, HEERF II, and HEERF III, respectively. The US Secretary of Education announced that the student funding was being made available to institutions to award and disburse to students who have incurred expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus, including eligible expenses under the student's Cost of Attendance, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care and childcare. The law requires institutions to report certain information related to the use of these funds. **The following information is reported for the period June 1, 2021-August 31, 2021.**

- I. This statement shall serve to acknowledge that our institution signed and returned to the US Department of Education the *Certification and Agreement - Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students*. We further attest that our institution has used, and/or intends to use, no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
- II. 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 Student is **\$34,817.00.**
- III. **The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of July 6, 2021, is \$34,817.00.**
- IV. **The estimated total number of students at our institution eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus**



eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is 115.

- V. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to date is 92.
- VI. The following is the method used by our institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much each student has received/will receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
1. Complete the application of Request for Emergency Financial Aid Grant Funds (HEERF III)
 2. The student may use all or a portion of the student's Emergency Student Grant to credit the student's account ledger to pay outstanding tuition and fees with the student's signed consent.
 3. HIGHER EDUCATION EMERGENCY RELIEF FUNDS (HEERF III) under the AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP), TOTAL STUDENT GRANT AWARD = \$69,634.00, as per regulation the initial drawdown is 50%. Our first draw is \$34,817.00.
 4. In an effort to assist **ALL** eligible students that were enrolled at Infinity College as of the day of the American Rescue Plan for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III) which is **March 11, 2021** the MAXIMUM AWARD WILL BE APPROXIMATELY \$400.00. We intend to service approximately 119 students, PLUS Nursing Assistant Students and Distance Education Students.
 5. Students with an EFC score of zero (0-1000) will be eligible for the maximum award of **approximately \$400.00**.
 6. Students with an EFC score of greater than zero (1000) will be eligible for **approximately \$300.00** which is 75% of the maximum award.
 7. Only eligible for active students in good academic standing.
 8. Once funds are near exhaustion the approximate maximum award could vary based on the availability of remaining funds.



9. Submit your application to Dr. Davis at sdavis@infinitycollege.edu or Ms. Ace at bsouvannarath@infinitycollege.edu
 10. Once your application is received and reviewed, if you are determined to be eligible for the Cares Act Student Emergency Grant Award, then you will be contacted to come in person to pick up the check **OR** you can elect to have your check mailed via electronic signature to the address listed on your application.
 11. After **receipt of a COMPLETE** application, you will be notified of your eligibility within 2 business days.
 12. **After you are DEEMED ELIGIBLE**, you can expect to receive payment within 3-business days.
 13. The deadline to submit this request is June 10,2022 or until funds are exhausted
 14. Funds will be disbursed until all funds are exhausted.
 15. Disbursements dates are **07/06/2021 to 07/20/2021(15 Calendar Days) ONLY.**
- VII. The follow instructions/directions/guidance **was/will be** provided by our institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

IMPORTANT

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF REQUEST FOR THE HIGHER EDUCATION EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND (HEERF III- SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS)

Under the authorized by the American Rescue Plan (ARP), Public Law 117-2

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The American Rescue Plan Act authorized the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III) which provides emergency funding for student and institutions impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic also known as HEERF III. The US Secretary of Education announced that the student funding was being made available to institutions to award and disburse to students who have incurred expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus, including eligible expenses under the student's Cost of Attendance, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care and childcare.

In order for these emergency grants to be awarded without regard for the provision under the American Rescue Plan Act on student eligibility for HEERF III states that all students who are or were enrolled in an institution of higher education during the COVID-19 national emergency are eligible for emergency financial aid grants from the HEERF III, regardless of whether they completed a FAFSA or are eligible for Title IV. That includes citizens, permanent residents, refugees, asylum seekers, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) recipients, other DREAMers, and similar undocumented students.

HEERF III prioritize grants to students who are or were enrolled in an institution of higher education on or after the date of the declaration of the national emergency due to the coronavirus (March 13, 2020) are eligible for emergency financial aid grants from the HEERF III, regardless of whether they completed a FAFSA or are eligible for Title IV. The CRRSAA requires that institutions prioritize students with *exceptional* need, such as students who receive Pell Grants or are undergraduates with extraordinary financial circumstances, in awarding emergency financial aid grants to students.

Beyond Pell eligibility, other types of *exceptional* need could include students who may be eligible for other federal or state need-based aid or have faced significant unexpected expenses either for themselves or that would affect their financial circumstances, such as the loss of employment, reduced income, or food or housing insecurity.



In addition, the CRRSAA and ARP explicitly state that emergency financial aid grants to students may be provided to students exclusively enrolled in distance education provided the institution prioritizes exceptional need. The Department encourages institutions to prioritize domestic students, especially undergraduates, in allocating this funding. Domestic students include citizens, permanent residents, refugees, asylum seekers, DACA recipients, other DREAMers, and similar undocumented students.

The students may apply the financial aid grant to the student's outstanding account balance with the institution, provided it has obtained the student's written (or electronic), affirmative consent. Students are NOT REQUIRED to use these funds for tuition, fees and/or other direct institutional costs; this is strictly an option.

On the top portion of the form, it is imperative that you provide the correct address where mail from the school will reach you. **This is the address to which your Grant check will be mailed.**

Also, you must remember to sign and date the form.

If you have any questions, contact the school as soon as possible.

Procedures: (PLEASE READ CAREFULLY) APPLICATION MUST BE FULLY COMPLETED IN ORDER TO BE PROCESSED

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**REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY FINANCIAL AID GRANT FUNDS
THE HIGHER EDUCATION EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND (HEERF III-SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS)
Under the authorized by the American Rescue Plan (ARP), Public Law 117-2**

Student Name: _____ **Student ID#:** _____

Street Address at which I am sure to receive my Grant check: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____ **Email:** _____

Telephone Number: _____

Have you incurred expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus (COVID-19), such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care and/or childcare expenses? _____ YES _____ NO

CATEGORY OF EXPENSE

AMOUNT I HAVE PAID OUT

FOOD

\$ _____



HOUSING \$ _____
COURSE MATERIALS \$ _____
List Materials: _____
TECHNOLOGY \$ _____
List Technology: _____
HEALTH CARE \$ _____
CHILD CARE \$ _____

Check here:

I hereby attest that the information provided above is true and correct. I understand I am requesting an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to assist me with costs that I have incurred related to the COVID-19 pandemic. I further acknowledge that while my school will attempt to assist me to the greatest extent possible, I understand funds are limited and are to be shared among all eligible students.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____
Student Name (Print): _____ Program Enrolled: _____
Enrollment Date: _____

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Applicants, please do not enter information in this section.

Total Grant Amount Approved: \$ _____ CHECK#: _____

Date Received: _____ Date Approved: _____

Eligible for the Cares Act Student Emergency Grant Award: YES NO

Reason (s) for ineligibility: _____

Signature and Title of School Representative: _____

Revised: 06/30/2021



REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY FINANCIAL AID GRANT FUNDS
Under the American Rescue Plan, Pub. L. No. 117-2 (HEERF III-Supplemental Funds)

Consent Form

I, _____, grant Infinity College permission to use the Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF III) under the American Rescue Plan, Public Law No. 117-2 to credit my student account balance. I understand that I am **NOT REQUIRED** to use these funds for tuition, fees, and/or other direct costs.

By signing this consent, I am authorizing Infinity College to use my HEERF III funds in the amount of \$_____ for my outstanding balance. I have read, understand, and agree with the terms and conditions. I further understand that I am **NOT REQUIRED** to use the funds for the outstanding balance, tuition, fees, and/or other direct costs.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Students Name: _____

Student's Program: _____