



AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP)

REPORTING ON EMERGENCY FINANCIAL AID GRANTS TO STUDENTS

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III

Florida Education Institute

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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. **The following information is reported for the period of Q3 7/1/2021 – 9/30/2021.**

- I. This statement shall serve to acknowledge that our institution signed and returned to the US Department of Education the Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students. We further attest that our institution has used, and/or intends to use, the funds received under ARP Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
- II. The total amount of funds that the institution has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement under the ARP [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Student is \$196,813.
- III. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the CRRSAA as of the date of this report is \$0.
- IV. The estimated total number of students at our institution eligible to participate in programs under the ARP as of the date of this report has yet to be determined as all funds from the CRRSAA and HEERF II have yet to be exhausted.
- V. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under the CRRSAA as of the date of this report is 0.
- VI. The following is the method used by our institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much each student would receive under HEERF III:
 - Student must be in active enrollment status on or since April 1, 2021 for at least three (3) weeks.
 - Has need in relation to any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to COVID-19, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or childcare at the time of financial aid acceptance of the HEERF III grant.
 - Does not have to be Pell eligible.

- Does not have to complete a FAFSA.
- No application to complete.
- \$1,200 will be distribute to each student until funds are exhausted.
- \$800 will be distributed to each re-entry or transfer of credit student.
- Additional funds will be distributed equally to all recipients to assure all funds are distribution by deadline.

VII. The follow instructions/directions/guidance will be provided by our institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants HEERF III:

- Each eligible student will be contacted by Florida Education Institute's Financial Aid and Accounting Offices staff to inform them on how to receive their HEERF III grant funds. Students may contact our staff with any eligibility questions.
- Students will continue to be directed to the Florida Education Institute website for up-to-date information.
- Grants will be disbursed to students via a check made out in the student's name.
- The Business Office Manager and Financial Aid Director shall maintain and track on a spreadsheet which students have received HEERF III grant funds checks.
- The HEERF III grant funds will be disbursed in multiple disbursements in an effort to get money out to as many students as possible until funds are exhausted.