

## **Report and Disclosure**

CRRSA Act - Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Reporting (HEERF II)

University of Missouri (Mizzou)

30-Day & Quarter Report and Disclosure

June 12, 2021 and June 30, 2021

University of Missouri (Mizzou) acknowledges it signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education the original Certification and Agreement form on 04/15/2020 under the CARES Act section 18004(a)(1), and further acknowledges we agree to the conditions of the Supplemental Grant Funds for Students Agreement under the CRSSA Act section 314(a)(1) when we initially drew down funds on 03/29/2021, and gives the assurance that Mizzou is using 50 percent of the funds received under section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSA Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

- The total amount of funds Mizzou received as part of HEERF II, from the U.S. Department of Education for distribution to students was \$8,154,572.
- As of the dates of this report disclosure, the total amount of CRSSA Act Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under section 314(a)(1) of the CRSSA Act is \$8,154,572 from the student portion, and \$321,614 from the institutional portion to student grants.
- The estimated total number of students at Mizzou eligible to participate in programs under section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus might be eligible to receive the Emergency Student Financial Aid Grant funds under section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSA Act is 27,713.
- As of the dates of this report disclosure, the total number of Mizzou students who have received the CRSSA Act Emergency Financial Aid Grant under section 314(a)(1) of the CRSSA Act is 9,273.
- The methods used to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants were as follows:
  - These grants can be used toward educational costs and other emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care), or child care.
  - Undergraduate student eligibility criteria:
    - Be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident that is eligible to complete a FAFSA;
    - Have a completed 2020-21 FAFSA on file with Mizzou as of 01/26/2021;
    - Be an undergraduate degree-seeking student;
    - Be enrolled in a minimum of six hours in the spring 2021 semester at Mizzou at the time of awarding; and
    - Demonstrate exceptional need based upon an official EFC from the FAFSA as of 01/26/2021.
  - Undergraduate students who meet the eligibility criteria will automatically be awarded in the spring 2021 term in the amounts as based upon the EFC range as calculated on the FAFSA. The Federal HEERF II Emergency Grant is awarded on a one-time basis, and is not renewable and not negotiable.
    - EFC Range: 0-12,000 \$1,000 HEERF II Emergency Grant
    - EFC Range: 12,001-20,000 \$700 HEERF II Emergency Grant

- The instructions, directions, and guidance regarding the Emergency Financial Aid Grants were published on the University website at <https://financialaid.missouri.edu/applying-for-aid/emergency-aid.php> and is represented in the screenshots below:

[Home](#) / [Applying for Aid](#) / [Emergency Aid](#)

## Federal Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) II – Emergency Grants for Students

The Federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA), 2021, has allocated emergency financial aid grants called the **Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) II** to assist students with exceptional need. These grants can be used toward educational costs and other emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care), or child care.

### Undergraduate student eligibility criteria:

- Be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident that is eligible to complete a FAFSA;
- Have a completed 2020-21 FAFSA on file with Mizzou as of 01/26/2021;
- Be an undergraduate degree-seeking student;
- Be enrolled in a minimum of six hours in the spring 2021 semester at Mizzou at the time of awarding; and
- Demonstrate exceptional need based upon an official EFC from the FAFSA as of 01/26/2021.

Undergraduate students who meet the eligibility criteria will **automatically be awarded** in the spring 2021 term in the amounts as outlined in the chart below based upon the EFC range as calculated on the FAFSA. The Federal HEERF II Emergency Grant is awarded on a one-time basis, and is not renewable. Due to limited funding, award amounts are not negotiable at this time.

HEERF II Emergency Grants to undergraduate students will be processed through the student account and will **directly refund to the student and NOT pay any outstanding charges on the student bill**. We strongly encourage students to setup [Direct Deposit](#) to get funds as soon as possible.

Enrollment Type	EFC Range From FAFSA	Estimated Award Amount
Undergraduate	0 – 12,000	\$1,000
Undergraduate	12,001 - 20,000	\$700

## Graduate/Professional student eligibility criteria and application process:

- Be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident that is eligible to complete a FAFSA;
- Have a completed 2020-21 FAFSA on file with Mizzou as of 01/26/2021;
- Be a degree-seeking student;
- Be enrolled at least half time in the spring 2021 semester at Mizzou at the time of awarding;
- Complete an online HEERF II Emergency Grant application for consideration by March 1, 2021; and
- Demonstrate exceptional need based upon an official EFC from the FAFSA as of 01/26/2021 and the HEERF II application.

Not all graduate/professional students who apply will receive funding, and award amounts will vary based upon the volume and needs of applicants. Applications will not begin to be reviewed until after the application closes on March 1, 2021. First priority will be given to students with lower EFCs as calculated by the FAFSA.

### GRADUATE and PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS ONLY - How to Apply:

1. Log into ScholarshipUniverse using your MU assigned pawprint (username) and password
  - a. First time logging into ScholarshipUniverse you may be prompted to answer a series of matching questions, but you may skip this step for now.
2. Click on the "Dashboard" tab on the left side of the page.
3. Search at the top of your Dashboard for "Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) II"
4. "Apply" for and "View" the emergency grant on the Scholarship Search page.
  - a. If "Apply" is not available click "View" to review the matching criteria for the grant.
    - i. Reminder only Graduate/Professional students and US Citizens are eligible to apply.
    - ii. If needed, click the pencil icon next to your pre-loaded answer to make edits.
5. All submitted HEERF II emergency grant applications are final once submitted, be sure to review for accuracy before submitting.

HEERF II Emergency Grants to **graduate students** will be processed through the student account and the student will have the choice to opt in to allow the grant to pay for charges on their student account, with any excess funds refunding to the student. We strongly encourage students to setup Direct Deposit to get funds as soon as possible.

### Questions?

If you have questions, please contact the Student Financial Aid Special Circumstances Review team by email at [specialcircumstances@missouri.edu](mailto:specialcircumstances@missouri.edu). Questions can be asked directly via email, or a student can leave their phone number to request a call from our Special Circumstances Response Team.

- Notifications were posted about the instructions, directions and guidance by various campus social media mediums with the link of who is eligible to receive, how they will receive, and those who are eligible to apply that is published on the University website at <https://financialaid.missouri.edu/applying-for-aid/emergency-aid.php> and as outlined in screenshots above.
- Graduate and professional students received a specific email communication notifying them of the eligibility criteria, how to apply for this emergency funding, and the deadline by which to do so (March 1, 2021 11:59 pm).
- Students who were approved for the Emergency Financial Aid Grants through the application process received a notice to their Mizzou student email account that included the following:
  - Notice that they have received the Emergency Student Grant and that it is to address is meant to be used for your educational costs and/or other emergency costs that you may have incurred or will incur as a result of the coronavirus.
  - How to view their Emergency Student Grant on their student account;
  - Award ranges of \$700 - \$1,000 based on EFC range as calculated on the FAFSA and linked back to our website.
  - HEERF II Emergency Grants to undergraduate students will be processed through the student account and will directly refund to the student and NOT pay any outstanding charges on the student bill.
  - Timing of when and how they will receive the Emergency Student Grant;
    - “These funds will be directly refunded to you, and not go to pay any current balance on your account. Currently, [Direct Deposit](#) refunds are processed on Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week. If you are enrolled in [Direct Deposit](#) your emergency funds should be available in your bank account within 3-5 business days from the next Tuesday or Thursday following the day you received this notice. If you do not enroll in [Direct Deposit](#) a paper check will be mailed to you 10-14 days from the following Tuesday of the day you received this notice”; and
  - A note to contact our Special Circumstances Response Team at [SpecialCircumstances@missouri.edu](mailto:SpecialCircumstances@missouri.edu) if the student has questions about their Emergency Student Grant. Questions can be submitted via email, or they can submit their phone number to request a call back from the team.
- Graduate or professional students who do not meet the eligibility requirements were notified that they will not be receiving the Emergency Financial Aid Grants via their Mizzou student email account, and if they have any questions regarding their Emergency Student Grant or their eligibility for this funding to contact our Special Circumstances Response Team at [SpecialCircumstances@missouri.edu](mailto:SpecialCircumstances@missouri.edu). Questions can be submitted via email, or they can submit their phone number to request a call back from the team.