

## **Report and Disclosure**

ARP Act - Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Reporting (HEERF III)

University of Missouri (Mizzou)

Student Portion Quarter Report and Disclosure

June 08, 2021 through January 10, 2022

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 ARP Act section 2003 when we initially drew down funds on 06/08/2021, and gives the assurance that Mizzou is using 50 percent of the funds received under section 2003 of the ARP Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

- The total amount of funds Mizzou received as part of HEERF III, from the U.S. Department of Education for distribution to students was \$21,832,291.
- As of the dates of this report disclosure, the total amount of ARP Act Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under section 2003 of the ARP Act is \$14,013,520 from the student portion.
- The estimated total number of students at Mizzou that could be eligible to receive the Emergency Student Financial Aid Grant funds under section 2003 of the ARP Act is 31,855.
- As of the dates of this report disclosure, the total number of Mizzou students who have received the ARP Act Emergency Financial Aid Grant under section 2003 of the ARP Act is 13,538.
- 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 childcare.
  - Initial Round of Funds – two Methods:
    - First Method: Automatic Awards (no application required) Undergraduate student:
      - Eligibility criteria:
        - Be degree-seeking at Mizzou;
        - Be enrolled at least half-time in the fall 2021 term at the time of disbursements of the award;
        - Have completed a 2021-22 FAFSA on file with Mizzou as of Oct. 1, 2021;
        - Have an official EFC in an eligible range as outlined in the chart below; and
        - Have NOT already received a HEERF III grant from the Student Financial Aid Office
      - Award Amounts:
        - EFC Range 0 – 5,846: \$1,500
        - EFC Range 5,847-12,000: \$1,200
        - EFC Range 12,000-20,000: \$1,000
    - Second Method: A formal application was open through November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and situational applications/requests were also permitted via email:

- Eligibility criteria for applicants:
  - Be degree-seeking at Mizzou;
  - Be enrolled at least half-time in the fall 2021 term at the time of disbursement of the award;
  - Any enrollment level may apply (i.e., Undergraduate, Graduate, Professional, Medical, Vet Med, Doctoral, Law, Post-Comp);
  - Students who received an automatic or other HEERF III student grant from the Student Financial Aid office are NOT eligible to complete this application;
  - Domestic students must have a completed 2021-22 FAFSA on file with Mizzou; and
  - International students that are not eligible to complete the FAFSA may apply and may be required to answer and/or submit additional financial information.
- Award Amounts:
  - Varied from \$200 to \$1000 based upon a student's need as calculated by the FAFSA for domestic students and the HEERF III application for international students.
- 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/> and is represented in the screenshots below:

## Emergency Aid

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

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) of 2021 has allocated emergency financial aid grants called the **Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) III** 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 childcare.

#### Automatic Undergraduate Student Eligibility

Some undergraduate students will automatically be awarded HEERF III grants for the fall 2021 term (no application necessary). To qualify for an automatic award, students must:

- Be degree-seeking at Mizzou;
- Be enrolled at least half-time in the fall 2021 term at the time of disbursement of the award;
- Have completed a 2021-22 FAFSA on file with Mizzou as of Oct. 1, 2021;
- Have an official EFC in an eligible range as outlined in the chart below; and
- Have NOT already received a HEERF III Grant from the Student Financial Aid office

Automatic HEERF III 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 set up [Direct Deposit](#) to get funds as soon as possible.

## Estimated Award Amounts for Undergraduate Students

Expected Family Contribution range (official EFC from FAFSA)	Estimated award amount*	Estimated disbursement date (when funds will be applied to student's financial aid account)**
0-5,846	\$1,500	Thursday, October 7, 2021
5,847-12,000	\$1,200	Tuesday, October 12, 2021
12,001-20,000	\$1,000	Thursday, October 14, 2021

\*Students who receive the automatic awards or have already received a HEERF III grant from the Student Financial Aid office are not eligible to apply for additional HEERF III funds in the fall 2021 term.

\*\*Awarding timelines are estimates of when the award will be added to the student account. It may still take 5-7 days from this date to refund to the student if they have

Direct Deposit correctly setup. Students who do not have Direct Deposit should ensure their address is updated in myZou and will receive a mailed paper check that could take approximately a month to receive.

## Eligibility to Apply for HEERF III Emergency Grants

- Be degree-seeking at Mizzou;
- Be enrolled at least half-time in the fall 2021 term at the time of disbursement of the award;
- Any enrollment level may apply (i.e., Undergraduate, Graduate, Professional, Medical, Vet Med, Doctoral, Law, Post-Comp);
- Students who received an automatic or other HEERF III student grant from the Student Financial Aid office are NOT eligible to complete this application;
- Domestic students must have a completed 2021-22 FAFSA on file with Mizzou; and
- International students that are not eligible to complete the FAFSA may apply and may be required to answer and/or submit additional financial information.

Application award amounts will vary from \$200 to \$1000 based upon a student's need as calculated upon the student's FAFSA for domestic students and the HEERF III application for international students. Some awards may exceed \$1000, on a very limited basis, based upon exceptional need, extraordinary circumstances, and students exhausting all gift and self-help (i.e., student loans) financial aid options.

**The HEERF III application closed on November 19th, 2021.**

Applications will be reviewed beginning October 22nd, and on a rolling basis thereafter. Due to an expected high volume of applicants, it may take up to two weeks for an application to be reviewed and applied to the student's account. Funding is limited, so not all students who apply will receive funds. Award amounts will vary based upon the volume and need of applicants.

If you or your parent/legal guardians (or spouse for an independent student) have lost your job or income since completing the 2021-22 FAFSA, we also encourage you to reach out to our Special Circumstances Response team at [specialcircumstances@missouri.edu](mailto:specialcircumstances@missouri.edu) to see if we can assist you with future financial aid eligibility.

**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.

**Financial Management Help**

If you expect to receive these funds and would like to discuss effective use of the money, we encourage you to make an appointment with the [Office for Financial Success \(OFS\)](#). OFS offers free and confidential financial coaching. [Make an appointment](#) using MU Connect or walk in.

- Notifications were posted about the instructions, directions and guidance by various campus social media mediums with the link of who is eligible to receive and apply for the funds, 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/> and as outlined in screenshots above.
- 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;
  - HEERF III Emergency Grants to undergraduate students will be applied to student accounts based on the preference indicated on the application.
  - Timing of when and how they will receive the Emergency Student Grant;
    - *The award will be applied based on your application preference. Currently, [Direct Deposit](#) refunds are processed on Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week. If you were 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 the funds were disbursed from financial aid to your student account. If you did 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.
- A note about Financial Management Help with encouragement to make an appointment with our Office for Financial Success (OFS) to help effectively manage the funds received.
- A note about where students can find tax information regarding the HEERF III funding.
- Any 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.