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Immediate Assistance Grant

Emergency Financial Assistance Grant Summary

Summary and Eligibility

The HEERF III Emergency Financial Assistance Grant is designed to provide financial relief to students for expenses related to the disruptions due to the Coronavirus. Emergency Financial Assistance Grants will be awarded to eligible students in accordance with U.S. Department of Education guidelines. Funds will be disbursed in the approximate amount of \$748,000 for the Springfield campus and \$594,000 for the West Plains campus. Eligible recipients will be identified by the institution and awarded within one of the following grant tiers.

Tier 1: Undergraduate Pell Grant Eligible Students (“Exceptional Need Emergency Assistance Grant”)

The Exceptional Need Emergency Assistance Grant is designed to provide financial relief to our students with exceptional financial need for expenses related to the coronavirus. Exceptional Need Emergency Assistance Grants in the approximate amount of \$188 on the Springfield campus and \$940 on the West Plains campus will be automatically awarded and distributed to students who meet the following criteria:

- Currently enrolled Spring 2022 as an undergraduate student at MSU at Spring 2022 Census (February 22, 2022)

AND

- Have an expected family contribution (EFC) between 0 – 5,846.

Tier 2: Remaining Eligible Domestic Students (West Plains campus only)

The Emergency Assistance Grant is designed to provide financial relief to our currently enrolled domestic students for expenses related to the coronavirus. Emergency Assistance Grants in the approximate amount of \$660 on the West Plains Campus will be automatically awarded and distributed to students who meet the following criteria:

- Currently enrolled Spring 2022 as an undergraduate at MSU West Plains campus at Spring 2022 Census (February 22, 2022),

AND

- Has not been awarded an “Exceptional Need Emergency Assistance Grant”



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The Immediate Assistance Grant is designed to provide immediate relief to students with exceptional need for expenses related to the disruptions due to the Coronavirus. Immediate Assistance Grants in the amount of \$250 will be automatically awarded and immediately distributed to students who meet all of the following criteria:

- Enrolled as an undergraduate student at MSU during the Summer 2021 semester, and
- Have an expected family contribution for the 2020-2021 aid year of less than \$5,712

Awarding Procedure

Eligible students will be identified by the Office of Student Financial Aid. Immediate Assistance Grants will be awarded to eligible recipients at an accepted status.

Because HEERF III Emergency Assistance Grant funds authorized under the American Rescue Plan Act are not considered federal financial assistance, a corresponding cost of attendance (COA) budget component of \$250 will be added to recipients' Summer 2021 COA to negate any impact the grant may have on recipients' financial aid eligibility.

HEERF III grants may not be packaged to student aid offers in a manner that might be misconstrued as utilization for marketing or recruitment purposes. For this reason, all eligible recipients will be identified and grants issued on June 21, 2021, after regular Summer 2021 disbursements have been issued on both campuses.

Recipients will not be given the opportunity to provide written or electronic consent to have Immediate Assistance Grants applied to outstanding MSU account charges. All Immediate Assistance Grant funds will be refunded directly to the recipients, bypassing outstanding charges. Should a recipient wish to apply funds from their Immediate Assistance Grant to outstanding MSU account charges, they may do so after the funds have been refunded to them.

Estimated Cost

Based on historic summer semester Pell recipient enrollment rates, the following are the anticipated costs for the Immediate Assistance Grant:

- Missouri State University – Springfield: \$200,000 - \$400,000
- Missouri State University – West Plains: \$50,000 - \$60,000



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Tier 1: Pell Grant Eligible Students (Prioritizing Students with “Exceptional Need”)

The Exceptional Need Emergency Assistance Grant is designed to provide financial relief to our students with exceptional financial need for expenses related to the coronavirus. Exceptional Need Emergency Assistance Grants in the approximate amount of \$1,500 will be automatically awarded and distributed to students who meet the following criteria:

- Currently enrolled Fall 2021 as an undergraduate student at MSU-WP,
- AND**
- Have an expected family contribution (EFC) between 0 – 5,846.

Tier 2: Remaining Eligible Domestic Students

The Emergency Assistance Grant is designed to provide financial relief to our currently enrolled domestic students for expenses related to the coronavirus. Emergency Assistance Grants in the approximate amount of \$1,000 will be automatically awarded and distributed to students who meet the following criteria:

- Currently enrolled Fall 2021 as an undergraduate student at MSU-WP,
- AND**
- Has not been awarded a High Need Emergency Assistance Grant,

Tier 3: Eligible International Students

The International Student Emergency Assistance Grant is designed to provide financial relief to our currently enrolled international students for expenses related to the coronavirus. International Student Emergency Assistance Grants in the approximate amount of \$750 will be awarded and distributed to students who meet the following criteria:

- Currently enrolled in Fall 2021 courses located within the United States as an undergraduate student at MSU-WP,

AND



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- Has not been awarded an Exceptional Need Emergency Assistance Grant or an Emergency Assistance Grant,
- AND**
- Demonstrates via The International Student Emergency Assistance Grant Application exceptional need as noted by the U.S. Department of Education in the Higher Education Relief Fund III Frequently Asked Questions document.



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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION

In response to the ongoing COVID-19 global pandemic, the 2021 American Rescue Plan (ARP) has provided an additional emergency financial aid grant for students called the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III). This grant may be used to assist students who have exceptional needs related to educational costs, food, housing, healthcare or childcare.

The International Student Emergency Assistance Grant is funded through Missouri State University-West Plains' HEERF III student portion and is designed to provide financial relief to our currently enrolled international students for expenses related to the coronavirus. International Student Emergency Assistance Grants in the amount of **\$750** will be awarded and distributed to students who meet the following criteria:

- Currently enrolled in Fall 2021 courses as an undergraduate MSU-WP,
AND
- Is located within the United States,
AND
- Has exceptional need,
AND
- Has not been awarded an Exceptional Need Emergency Assistance Grant or an Emergency Assistance Grant.

Please answer the following questions to apply for an International Student Emergency Assistance Grant. Please note that funding is limited and applicants will be notified when a decision is made.

1. Student Name:
2. Student BearPass ID Number: M
3. Student Date of Birth:
4. Student Cell Phone Number:
5. MSU-WP University Email Address:
6. Student Local Mailing Address:

7. Are you located within the United States for undergraduate coursework? Y N
8. What is your family's average **2021 monthly** income (in US dollars)?
9. How many individuals are included in your family size?
10. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, I attest that I have incurred the following expenses/needs and am requesting financial assistance (check all that apply):
 - a. Housing
 - b. Health Care
 - c. Course Materials
 - d. Tuition
 - e. Food Costs
 - f. Child Care
 - g. Technology
 - h. Other:

By submitting this application, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the information on this form and certify that all information submitted is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that submitting this form does not guarantee that my request for financial assistance will be granted.