

Dear Student,

You were recently awarded an emergency relief grant through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF).

This means you are eligible to receive emergency grant funding for the spring 2021 semester to help offset financial burdens incurred as a result of the coronavirus.

This emergency grant has been added to your online aid offer and can be found within the 2020-2021 Aid Year. To access your online aid offer please follow these steps:

- 1. Sign into your MyGrizzlyDen.MissouriState.edu account
- 2. Navigate to your "My Enrollment" tab
- 3. Click the "Financial Aid Awards" link under your Financial Aid Awards section
- 4. Select the 2020/2021 Aid Year from the drop-down box
- 5. Navigate to your "Award Offer" tab

It is important to know that you will receive your grant money regardless of your next decision.

- If you **consent** to have Missouri State University-West Plains apply your emergency grant funding to charges currently owed on your student account first, then refund any surplus funds to you, <u>please **accept**</u> the COVID Relief fund.
- If you **do not consent** to have Missouri State University-West Plains apply your emergency grant funding to charges currently owed on your student account, but would rather receive the full portion of your grant funding directly, <u>please **decline**</u> the COVID Relief fund that has been offered to you.
  - O You will still receive your emergency grant money if you decline this fund. A different fund for the same value will replace the declined fund on your online aid offer and will be issued directly to you, bypassing any charges currently on your student account.

Please either accept or decline this fund as soon as possible, but <u>no later than 11:59 pm on Monday</u>, <u>March 29, 2021</u>. Funds left at an "Offered" status will be treated as if declined.

During the week of April 5, 2021 the Office of Financial Aid will work to disburse all accepted funds to student accounts. Once completed, those who did not consent to have funds paid to outstanding MSU-WP charges will have their funds issued to them directly, bypassing any balance owed to the institution.

For more information, please view our HEERF II Q&A webpage.

If you have questions, please contact the Office of Student Financial Aid at WPFinancialAid@MissouriState.edu or (417) 255-7243.

Sincerely,

Your Office of Financial Aid