

Merrell University

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) III

Emergency Grants Information

ARP: American Rescue Plan (HEERF III)

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.

Funding Provided to Merrell University:

Merrell University is eligible to receive \$36,874 from HEERF III. The purpose of this funding is to provide emergency financial aid grants to students to help cover expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus (including eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and childcare). The amount received by institutions is primarily based on the number of high-need students enrolled. The University will prioritize students with the greatest need, determined by Pell Grant eligibility.

Eligibility:

In order to be eligible for the first disbursement of HEERF III, in the amount of \$300, a student must be enrolled on or after August 23rd, 2021 and have an academic status of currently attending.

In addition, to prioritize students with the greatest need, a second disbursement will be issued to eligible students. In order to be eligible for the second disbursement, a student must: 1) must be enrolled as of Sept 3, 2021; 2) have an academic status of currently attending; and 3) be eligible for a Pell Grant during the 2021-22 award year.

If funding remains after eligible students receive the first two disbursements, then the institution will prioritize students who have the lowest EFC on the 2021-22 FAFSA for additional disbursements.

For additional information regarding HEERF III please visit:

- **ARP: American Rescue Plan- Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III:**
<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/arp.html>
- **Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III Frequently Asked Questions:**
<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/arpfaq.pdf>

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