

COVID-19 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Report date as of DEC. 31, 2021 -- Next update March 31, 2022

CARES(HEERF I)/CRRSAA(HEERF II)/ARP(HEERF III): Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III)

- Utah Valley University has signed and returned the Certification and Agreement form for HEERF. UVU intends to use no less than the required amount of funds received to provide HEERF grants to students.
- The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

\$63,485,156 (HEERF III only \$40,635,948)

- The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students.

\$52,263,650 (HEERF III only \$30,413,058)

- The estimated total number of students at the institution eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 2003(a)(1) of the ARP (HEERF III)

30,883 students - estimated

- The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under HEERF I, II, & III.

38,435 students

- The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under HEERF III.
 - Students may qualify to receive HEERF (CARES) Emergency grants under ARP in the following ways:
 - Students have received a Federal Pell Grant for Fall 2021 & Spring 2022 semesters and are enrolled in at least 6 credit hours, will be evaluated for a \$750 award until funds are exhausted. These students will be identified by the Financial Aid Office.

- Students who have demonstrated unmet need could qualify for federal or state need-based aid (completed a FAFSA for 2021/2022 and have demonstrated financial need) will be evaluated for a \$750 award. Student are enrolled in at least half time for Fall 2021 & Spring 2022 semesters until funds are exhausted. These students will be identified by the Financial Aid Office.
 - Students (in undergraduate or graduate programs) who are enrolled at least half time for Fall Semester 2021 & Spring Semester 2022 and do not qualify for an award under criteria #1 or #2 (No FAFSA), listed above, will be evaluated for \$500 award until funds are exhausted. These students will be identified by the Financial Aid Office.
 - If a student qualifies for a \$500 award (#3 criteria), and experienced significant unexpected expenses either for themselves or that would affect their financial circumstances, such as loss of employment, reduced income, or food/housing insecurity during any time since March 2020, may request an additional \$250. The Financial Aid Office will evaluate the request. (Application in the upper right hand corner.)
 - If a student was enrolled at least half time during any semester since March 2020 through May 2021 (Spring 2020, Summer 2020, Fall 2020 and/or Spring 2021) and did not receive a CARES Act/HEERF award during that period of time, and can certify that they have experienced significant unexpected expenses either for themselves or that would affect their financial circumstances, such as loss of employment, reduced income, or food or housing insecurity may request a \$750 award. The Financial Aid Office will evaluate the request. (Application in the upper righthand corner.)
- Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.
 - Same as above
 - **If awarded, how will students be notified and receive funds?**
 - Students will be notified via their UVU email accounts. If the student has signed up for direct deposit, the funds will go to the student's bank account. The student will otherwise receive a check. All students are encouraged to set up **DIRECT DEPOSIT**.
 - **Do students have any limitations on how they can spend the money?**
 - As outlined by the Department of Education, the funds may be used for any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition,

food, housing, health care (including mental health care), or childcare.

- The instructions, directions, or guidance provided by UVU to all students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants were sent via University email and published on the University website. Please see HEERF (CARES) FAQ
- Email Text

Dear _____:

UVU's Financial Aid office has identified you as a student who may be eligible for a COVID-19 emergency grant. This grant, part of the HEERF (CARES), provides funding for students who have been affected by disruptions to their educations due to the COVID-19 outbreak—for example, if you need new technology to complete courses that were moved from face-to-face to online, if your housing needs changed when courses moved online, if you lost the job you held while attending UVU or child care and need financial help to complete the semester, if you need medical care, or any other expenses related to the sudden disruptions to school and campus life. For more information about UVU's HEERF (CARES) funding, see (FAQ page).

To determine whether you are eligible, please complete the following survey and certification at (survey link). As soon as eligibility is determined funds will be sent to you. No additional steps are needed from you. We hope you are staying healthy and safe! We look forward to seeing you again at UVU in summer or fall.