

ARP: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III)

September 24, 2021

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) is authorized by the American Rescue Plan (ARP), Public Law 117-2 which was signed into law on March 11, 2021. 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.

In accordance with the ARP, student emergency financial aid grants will be provided to eligible students (see below) to help cover expenses related to:

- Any component of a student's cost of attendance; or
- Emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as: tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) and childcare.

The emergency financial aid grants aren't required to be repaid and are nontaxable.

Hope International University is committed to using the ARP funds, within the parameters set by the U.S. Department of Education, to prioritize students with exceptional financial needs while meeting the needs of as many students as possible. **Accordingly, ARP emergency financial aid grants to students enrolled (i.e., not in registered status only) as of September 23, 2021 for the Fall 2021 Semester will be automatically disbursed as follows:**

\$2,000 Degree seeking students with an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) between \$0 - \$5,846 as determined by a valid FAFSA and enrolled full time.

\$1,000 Degree seeking students with an EFC between \$0 - \$5,846 as determined by a valid FAFSA and enrolled less than full time.

\$725 Degree seeking students with an EFC that exceeds \$5,846 or degree seeking students without a FAFSA and enrolled full time.

\$350 Degree seeking students with an EFC that exceeds \$5,846 or degree seeking students without a FAFSA and enrolled less than full time.

HEERF III emergency financial aid grants will automatically be provided to eligible students beginning the first week of October and proceeding through the month of October and early November. Please provide an updated ARP Student Refund Authorization form to Student Financial Services Department since emergency grants will be primarily electronically deposited into student bank accounts. For students that don't have a bank account or choose not to have funds electronically deposited, emergency grants will be made via check. To access the ARP Student Refund Authorization form, please visit: bit.ly/HIURefundForm. Please email completed forms to studentaccounts@hiu.edu.

If you have experienced any hardships not covered under the ARP, there may be other types of federal aid available to you. Please contact the Student Financial Services Department to determine if there are potentially other available resources to assist you.