

ARP Act - Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Reporting (HEERF III)

Report and Disclosure for March 2022

1. University of Missouri – Kansas City acknowledges it signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education the original Certification and Agreement form on 04/16/2020 under the CARES Act section 18004(a)(1), and assures that the funds will and have been used to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
2. The Total Amount of funds UMKC received from the US Department of Education to fund HEERF III emergency grants is \$11,423,023.
3. The Total Amount of HEERF III funds awarded as of 3/31/2022 is \$8,357,000.
4. We estimate that 20,793 students are eligible to be considered for the HEERF III funds.
5. The total number of students who have received HEERF III funds as of 3/31/2022 is 6,813.
6. UMKC used the following methods for determining eligibility for HEERF III funding:
 - a. Eligibility Requirements
 - i. Enrolled in the Spring 2021 term, Summer 2021 term, or Fall 2021 Term
 - ii. Priority to students with financial need
 - iii. Complete a Federal HEERF III Emergency Grant application
 - b. Award Amount - determined based upon a student’s need as calculated by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or through case by case review to adjust a student from one category to a higher one based on other need information or other extenuating circumstances. This may include students working with the basic needs coordinator utilizing the food pantry or in some other capacity or based on other extenuating circumstances.

12,000 EFC Or Less	12,001 - 25,000	25,001 - 50,000	50,001 or Higher or No FAFSA
1500	1000	750	500

- c. Students have the option to indicate if they want the grant to apply first to their student bill or be sent to them as check or direct deposit through the application process
 - d. Awards were distributed on a first come first serve basis and due to the high volume of applicants, the application was closed 10/8/2021 to allow processing time for review of applications and posting of awards.
7. Below is a summary of the methods used to provide students information concerning HEERF III emergency grants
 - a. Website distribution: <https://finaid.umkc.edu/financial-aid/emergency-resources.html>

Federal Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) Emergency Grant


The signing of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 has provided additional emergency financial aid grant funding to UMKC called the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) III. This grant may be used to assist students through the COVID-19 global pandemic that have exceptional needs related to educational costs, food, housing, health care (including mental care) or childcare.

- Academic year amount
 - Based on need as calculated by the FAFSA
 - If there is not a FAFSA on file, the need eligibility will be determined based on other extenuating circumstances that may be outlined in the student's grant application
- Eligibility
 - Enrolled in the Spring, Summer, or Fall 2021 term
 - Priority to students with financial need

Students have the option to indicate if they want the grant to apply first to their student bill or be sent to them as check or direct deposit.

[Apply for HEERF III Emergency Grant](#)

b. Email communication regarding opening of application



Financial Aid and Scholarships Office

Dear Casey Roo,

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Eligibility Requirements

- Enrolled in the Spring 2021 term, Summer 2021 term, or Fall 2021 Term
- Priority to students with financial need
- Complete a Federal HEERF III Emergency Grant application

Award Amount

Grant amounts will be determined based upon a student's need as calculated by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). If you did not complete a FAFSA your need eligibility will be determined based on your grant application.

Disbursement Options

You will have the option on the grant application to indicate if you want the emergency grant to help pay your educational costs on your bill first. If this option is selected, the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office will apply the grant to your bill. If this option is not selected, the funds will be sent directly to you by check or [direct deposit](#).

Apply

Use the following link to submit your application
https://umkc.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ema9iwBn4OnicUC

Applications will be [reviewed](#) and awards will be distributed in the order they are received until funding is depleted. We encourage students to apply as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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101 Administrative Center
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c. HEERF III Emergency Funding Application



Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) III Application

Please complete the following application to be considered for HEERF III Emergency Funds.

First Name

Last Name

Student ID (8-digit ID Number)

UMKC Email Address (Enter your @mail.umkc.edu email address)



I certify that the information I have provided on this application is true to the best of my knowledge and I also understand that the UMKC Financial Aid and Scholarships Office will process applications in the order in which they are received. Furthermore, I acknowledge that due to a high volume of applicants not everyone will receive funding.

Sign below

SIGN HERE

clear



Why are you applying for these emergency funds? (check all that apply)

Educational Costs

Other costs you have incurred as a result of COVID-19

Please check **yes** below if you want your emergency funds to help pay your educational costs on your student bill first. If there are any funds remaining after paying your educational costs they will be sent to you via check or direct deposit. If you select **no**, your grant will not help pay your student bill and will be sent to you via check or direct deposit.

Yes

No

Please provide a brief description of your financial need and any related expenses.

When would you like to receive the emergency funding?

Immediately (You were enrolled in either the Spring 2021 semester or the Summer 2021 Semester)

For future expenses related to the Fall Semester (Will disburse on or after August 16th)



Thanks for submitting your HEERF III application. Your submission will be reviewed in the order it was received and you will be notified via your UMKC email of a decision. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office at finaid@umkc.edu or 816-235-1154.

- d. Students approved for funding were notified via their UMKC Student email account of their award amount, information regarding how they would receive the funds and Direct Deposit information.

“Dear Casey Roo,

You have been selected to receive an award from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III) Emergency Grant for \$1,500 to be applied to your account for the Fall 2021 semester.

If on your application you selected the option for the grant to be applied directly to your student bill, the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office will apply the grant to your bill automatically. If you selected the option for the grant to be directly sent to you, you will receive the grant via a check in the mail or via Direct Deposit.

We strongly recommend that you ensure that you have [Direct Deposit](#) setup. If you are not signed up for [Direct Deposit](#) then it could take up to two weeks to receive your emergency funds.

If you have additional questions please contact the UMKC Financial Aid & Scholarships Office.

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e. Language on UMKC's billing notifications

Additional HEERF Funding Available! Apply for funds at [Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund \(HEERF\) III Application](#)

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f. Special Circumstances Outreach – In July students were sent the following communication to inform them of our special circumstances process.



Postcards were also mailed to student in September.



HERE TO HELP

Have you or a family member been impacted by COVID?
Experienced job loss, income reduction or other hardships?

You may be eligible for increased financial aid.

finaid.umkc.edu
816-235-1154

FINANCIAL AID ADJUSTMENTS FOR SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

If you or your family's financial situation has changed significantly from what is reflected on your federal income tax return (for example, if you've lost a job or experienced a drop in income), you may be eligible for adjusted financial aid.

First, fill out the FAFSA and submit it to UMKC using our school code: **002518**. This information will be used to review your eligibility for federal aid.

Once you have completed the FAFSA or if you've already submitted it, we may be able to adjust the information to reflect your current financial circumstances. If changes to your family's financial situation occurred within the current academic year, you can submit a **Special Circumstances Appeal** to see if you qualify for additional aid.

Complete and submit the 2021-22 Special Circumstances Appeal form: go.umkc.edu/2122appeal

Have questions about the FAFSA, Special Circumstances Appeal form or other elements of the financial aid process? Contact the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office for assistance at finaid.umkc.edu or **816-235-1154**.

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