



## Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III American Rescue Plan Student Aid Summer Disbursement

In March, the federal government passed the American Rescue Plan, 2021 (ARP). A portion of the relief package is to fund the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III).

ARP requires that the emergency money be distributed to students to cover student expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus. These eligible expenses include those considered a part of student's cost of attendance, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care.

### Campus Plan Summer Aid:

1. Block Grants will be awarded to students based on the following criteria:
  - a. Enrolled in >0 credits for term 20221
  - b. Eliminated MN State employees with tuition waivers and those paying the senior citizen tuition rate
  - c. Eliminated PSEO and concurrent enrolled students
  - d. Eliminated students not admitted to a credentialing program/degree offered at the university, students exclusively enrolled in non-credit bearing courses for the term (such as AE), and International students. International students will be included in the Fall 20223 and Spring 20225 plan
  - e. Students with an Expected Family Contributions (EFC) between 0 and 5711 (Pell eligibility EFC) will receive \$500 each
  - f. All other enrolled students, less those noted above will receive \$250 each
  - g. Checks or direct deposit will be used for the awards
  
2. HEERF3 ARP emergency grant applications will not be available for summer session. Emergency grants will be a part of the Fall and Spring plan.

### Communication Plan:

3. The block grants process will be communicated to students through an email from President Jayasuriya.
  - a. Block grant information will be emailed specifically to all students eligible for the block grant.
  - b. An additional email will be sent at the time of disbursement from the Financial Aid office or from the Office of Business Services
  - c. Information regarding the grants process will be included on the COVID webpage and linked from the Financial Aid webpage