

**HEERF - Student Financial Aid
Quarterly Progress Report
July 1, 2021 – September 30, 2021**

1. An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used, or intends to use, no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

The University of Central Missouri (UCM) signed and submitted the Certification and Agreement document to the US Department of Education, through a Grants.gov submission, on April 15, 2020. UCM agreed to use no less than 50 percent of these funds for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students in accordance with Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act and agreed to comply with all aspects of this certification, including maintaining employees.

2. 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.

UCM received its Grant Award Notifications (GAN) on April 25, 2020 in the amount of \$3,454,160 for HEERF I, on January 17, 2021 in the amount of \$3,454,160 for HEERF II, and on May 21, 2021 in the amount of \$10,699,104 for a total of \$17,607,424. All funds have been or will be used to issue direct student financial aid grants.

3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of the date of submission.

As of September 30, 2021, total aid of \$13,457,520 has been issued to students under the Student Aid Portion of HEERF I, HEERF II, and HEERF III. Within this quarter, \$6,554,600 in aid was issued.

4. The estimated total number of students at the institution eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to received Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

UCM, to date, has identified 6,746 students who met the eligibility criteria based on Spring 2020 enrollment, 8,011 students who met eligibility for Fall 2020, and 7,417 students who met the eligibility criteria based on Spring 2021 enrollment. Aid within this quarter was issued to student enrolled during the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 semesters.

5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students.

As of September 30, 2021, 6,746 students have had payments issued to them for Spring 2020, 8,011 students for Fall 2020, and 7,417 students in Spring 2021. Of the Spring 2020 students,

eight students did not deposit their checks. Aid was issued to 8,011 students based on fall semester 2020 and 7,417 students based on spring 2021 semester.

6. The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act and under CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.

HEERF III:

Full list of students enrolled as of Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 was pulled and determination of eligibility, with an emphasis on high need students, was determined through FAFSAs. Aid amounts were based on the level of financial hardship that occurs due to increase credit hour enrollment

7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF III) – Student Aid

American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) of 2021 was signed by the President on March 11, 2021, in response to COVID-19. This legislation included a third round of Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF III) (<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/arp.html>) .

The University of Central Missouri was awarded HEERF III support from the US Department of Education on 5/21/2021, in the amount of \$10,699,104, for direct student aid disbursement as part of this Act.

Domestic undergraduate and domestic graduate students who were deemed eligible to receive funds will receive an email through their UCM student email account in August of their pending aid payment.

Payments will be made on a predetermined formula based on Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 enrollment with priority placed on students with the highest need. A link to the aid amounts can be found below. There will not be an application process. **The Federal HEERF III Emergency Aid is awarded on a one-time basis, and is not renewable. Due to limited funding, award amounts are not negotiable.**

Students who are set up with direct deposit will receive an email through their UCM student email accounts notifying them that their payment has been processed. Please allow up to 3 business days from the email notification for the funds to hit your bank account. If you do not set up a direct deposit, you will receive a check in the mail to your permanent address and will not receive an email notification.

Direct deposit is the fastest method for you to receive aid and refunds.

Payment Methods:

Direct Deposit/ACH - Students are strongly encouraged to make sure they are set up to receive direct deposit (ACH) from UCM to speed up the receipt of all reimbursements and any financial aid funds. Students who are set up with direct deposit will receive their funds

first. If you are already set up for direct deposit, this is how you will receive your funds. UCM does not use this information to process automatic withdrawals for account balances.

Check - Students not set up for direct deposit need to review their primary mailing address to determine where the check will be sent. If this is an old address, please ensure that you are having your mail forwarded through the USPS to a current address. Please allow at least 2 weeks for the check to arrive at the address on file with UCM through USPS.

HEERF III does allow students to use their aid funds to pay down their outstanding account balances with UCM. UCM will **not** directly apply the student aid to a student's account. If you have a balance owed against your UCM account, you may use the funds to pay down the balance.

HEERF III Student Aid Eligibility and Amounts (/news/media-resources/corona-virus-covid-19/cares-higher-ed-emergency-relief-fund-faq/heerf-iii-aid-tables-8-6-21.pdf)

For additional information about these funds, please visit the US Department of Education's website for this program: <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/arp.html>
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Any additional updates of information regarding HEERF III will be posted on this page.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible to receive the HEERF III student aid?

The August 5th and September 2nd HEERF III student aid payments are for students who were enrolled in the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 semesters.

⌵ How will I know if I qualify to receive aid?

You will receive an email to your UCM student email account notifying you of your eligibility.

⌵ How much will I receive?

Refer to the HEERF III Aid Eligibility and Amounts table (</news/media-resources/corona-virus-covid-19/cares-higher-ed-emergency-relief-fund-faq/heerf-iii-aid-tables-8-6-21.pdf>) to determine how much you will receive.

⌵ Can I dispute my aid amount?

No. The aid amount is based on predetermined criteria, so cannot be disputed.

⌵ How were eligibility and aid amounts determined?

Priority is placed on students with highest need, with an emphasis on undergraduate students, per guidance from the US Department of Education. Level of need is based on Pell eligibility and estimated family contribution (EFC) from FAFSA records as well as the number of credit hours a student was enrolled in per semester.

⌵ How will I receive my payment?

Students who are already enrolled in direct deposit will receive their payment through ACH. Students who are not set up for direct deposit will receive their payment by check.

⌵ When will I receive my payment?

Domestic undergraduate and graduate students: payments issued August 6th (wait 3 business days for ACH/Direct Deposit posting and 2 weeks for mailed checks)

International, Dual Credit, and Certificate students: payment issued September 2nd (wait 3 business days for ACH/Direct Deposit posting and 2 weeks for mailed checks)

⌵ Will HEERF aid impact current or future financial aid?

No. These and past HEERF support are emergency relief payments for students, and this is not part of your traditional financial aid.

⌵ Are these funds taxable income?

No. Like prior HEERF support, these funds are not part of your gross income.

⌵ I have a balance on my UCM student account. Will this grant be applied towards the balance?

No. These funds are being issued directly to students and will not be applied towards outstanding balances. Students may use these funds, once they have received them, to pay down their balance. To check your student account balance and make a payment, please login to MyCentral.

⌵ Who do I contact if I have questions?

Please email any questions to cares@ucmo.edu and a staff member will get back with you as quickly as possible. This webpage will also be updated with any additional information regarding current and future aid payments.

⌵ How do I make a financial aid appeal?

A provision included in the American Rescue Plan requires institutions receiving aid from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III) to make financial aid applicants aware of the opportunity to receive a financial aid adjustment due to the recent unemployment of a family member, or themselves. Students facing this situation may complete the Recalculation of Federal Financial Aid Eligibility form

found here: [https://www.ucmo.edu/future-students/financing-your-education/financial-aid-forms/ \(/future-students/financing-your-education/financial-aid-forms/index.php\)](https://www.ucmo.edu/future-students/financing-your-education/financial-aid-forms/)

These requests are reviewed by a University of Central Missouri Financial Aid Administrator. Students seeking a review of FAFSA information must complete this form.

NOTE: This form must be filled out completely and the student must provide third-party unrelated professional documentation to support the request. The Recalculation Form mentioned above provides a list of the necessary documents required in each specific situation.

For example, a change in employment or unemployment would require the following documents (additional documentation may be requested):

- Personal (signed) Letter of Explanation detailing circumstances
- 2019 W-2(s) (student, spouse, and/or parent(s))
- Final pay-stub showing YTD earnings for whomever the income has been reduced or lost (if applicable)
- Termination Letter on company letterhead with signature and contact information
- Unemployment Benefits Statement (if applicable)
- Current pay-stub showing YTD earnings for whomever the loss occurred (if applicable)

Once the Financial Aid Administrator receives a completed application and documentation, requests are typically reviewed and a decision made within 7 to 10 business days. Students are notified by the Financial Aid Administrator of the decision. Filing of the request does not guarantee a change in the FAFSA results.

If students believe they qualify for a Professional Judgment, or if they have questions or need additional information, contact the Financial Aid Office at 660-543-8266 to discuss their situation.

University of Central Missouri
Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF III)
Student Aid Eligibility and Amounts

The below tables provide aid amounts for students based on a student's aid eligibility during either the Fall 2020 (F20) or Spring 2021 (S21) semesters. If an eligible student was enrolled in both semesters, then they need take their aid for each semester and add it together to come up with their total aid amount.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Full-Time Students (12+ credit hours)				
<i>*EFC</i>	<i># of Students</i>		<i>Per Student Aid Amount</i>	<i>Category Total</i>
	<i>F20</i>	<i>S21</i>		
0-5,711	1995	1776	\$800	\$3,016,800
5,712- 12,000	714	672	\$700	\$970,200
12,001+	1814	1669	\$250	\$870,750
No FAFSA	1013	918	\$250	\$482,750

Part-Time Students (6-11 credit hours)				
<i>*EFC</i>	<i># of Students</i>		<i>Per Student Aid Amount</i>	<i>Category Total</i>
	<i>F20</i>	<i>S21</i>		
0-5,711	348	262	\$500	\$305,000
5,712- 12,000	91	79	\$400	\$68,000
12,001+	156	149	\$150	\$45,750
No FAFSA	248	209	\$150	\$68,550

Part-Time Students (1-5 credit hours)				
<i>*EFC</i>	<i># of Students</i>		<i>Per Student Aid Amount</i>	<i>Category Total</i>
	<i>F20</i>	<i>S21</i>		
0-5,711	73	48	\$200	\$24,200
5,712- 12,000	16	13	\$150	\$4,350
12,001+	36	32	\$100	\$6,800
No FAFSA	206	262	\$100	\$46,800

GRADUATE STUDENTS

Full-Time Students (9+ credit hours)				
<i>*EFC</i>	<i># of Students</i>		<i>Per Student Aid Amount</i>	<i>Category Total</i>
	<i>F20</i>	<i>S21</i>		
0-5,711	193	191	\$650	\$249,600
5,712- 12,000	21	26	\$500	\$23,500
12,001+	22	21	\$200	\$8,600
No FAFSA	108	101	\$200	\$41,800

Part-Time Students (4-8 credit hours)				
<i>*EFC</i>	<i># of Students</i>		<i>Per Student Aid Amount</i>	<i>Category Total</i>
	<i>F20</i>	<i>S21</i>		
0-5,711	220	248	\$350	\$163,800
5,712- 12,000	107	99	\$200	\$41,200
12,001+	97	89	\$100	\$18,600
No FAFSA	429	421	\$100	\$85,000

Part-Time Students (1-3 credit hours)				
<i>*EFC</i>	<i># of Students</i>		<i>Per Student Aid Amount</i>	<i>Category Total</i>
	<i>F20</i>	<i>S21</i>		
0-5,711	29	34	\$0	\$0
5,712- 12,000	5	11	\$0	\$0
12,001+	6	15	\$0	\$0
No FAFSA	64	72	\$0	\$0