

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III)

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Montgomery County Community College has received \$8,632,616 as part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) to directly support students who have demonstrated need and are facing financial challenges because of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. The disbursement, from the Department of Education, is designed to provide students with the greatest demonstrated financial need.

- Estimated total number of students at Montgomery County Community College who have received a HEERF III Grant as of June 30, 2021: 728
- Total amount of HEERF III Grant funding that has been distributed to Montgomery County Community College students as of June 30, 2021: \$1,000,000

The College is providing HEERF III funding to eligible students who have demonstrated financial need as described below and by application of those who do not qualify for an automatic distribution.

For the automatic distribution, each recipient must meet the following criteria:

1. Have a completed and accepted 2020-2021 (for fall 2021 and/or summer 2021 semesters) and/or 2021-2022 (for fall 2021 and/or summer 2022 semesters) Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on file with the Financial Aid Office.
2. If selected, must have completed federal verification requirements.
3. Must be a US citizen or eligible non-citizen
4. Must have an expected family contribution between \$0-\$5,711 for 2020-21 and \$0-\$5,846 for 2021-22.

Award amounts are based on the student's expected family contribution. Award amounts can range from \$750 to a maximum of \$1,000. The award amounts are provided to students who have demonstrated financial need as determined from their FAFSA. Please see below for the awarding methodology.

HEERF III Emergency Grant Automatic Distribution Amount

2020-21 EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION	AMOUNT
0	\$1,000
1-5,711	\$750

2021-22 EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION (EFC)	AMOUNT
0	\$1,000
1-5,846	\$750

The remaining HEERF III funding will be distributed to students who have not received an automatic distribution or have had additional financial need demonstrated as a result of COVID-19 in a semester in which the student has demonstrated financial need. Eligible expenses include, but are not limited to, tuition, books, food, housing, health care, and other educational expenses.

The HEERF III Student Emergency Grant funding to assist with financial need. Balances will only be considered as a last resort and will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis.

- Be a US citizen
- Have a completed and accepted 2020-2021 (for spring 2021 and summer 2021 semesters) and/or 2021-2022 (for fall 2021 and/or summer 2022 semesters) Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on file with the Financial Aid Office.
- Have completed all financial aid requirements (required documents, verification, etc.) and either:
 - Did not qualify for financial aid funding (due to Satisfactory Academic Progress, etc.)
 - Did not receive enough financial aid funding to cover educational expenses. However, you cannot be considered for assistance with your student account balance in lieu of student loan borrowing.
- Certify the relief is due to COVID-19 circumstances.

Generally, the HEERF III funding will be used for emergency expenses and \$1,000 for tuition. Please note that funding for a current academic year is available. Additional student emergency grant funding is available to apply for.

You may request additional emergency funds by completing the form.

[Apply for Emergency Funds](#)

If you have questions, please contact the Financial Aid Office.

Disbursement

An email will be sent to your College email address once the funds are ready for disbursement. If you do not receive an email, please contact the Financial Aid Office. Once the funds are deposited into the bank account on file, you will receive a notification email.