

**HEERF - Student Financial Aid
Quarterly Progress Report
October 1, 2021 – December 31, 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 December 31, 2021, total aid of \$17,600,320 has been issued to students under the Student Aid Portion of HEERF I, HEERF II, and HEERF III. Within this quarter, \$4,142,800 in aid was issued from this grant.

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 receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

UCM identified 14,252 students who met the eligibility criteria based on student classification, credit hours enrolled, FAFSA status and students who were not previously eligible for HEERF aid due to restrictions from CARES and CRRSAA funding.

This quarters' students included students from all eligible semesters.

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

Fourth quarter aid went to 14,252 students. A full break down of eligibility and student classifications are noted on the last two pages of this report.

Aid was issued to students who had not received support in prior disbursements due to restrictions placed on CARES and CRRSAA funds.

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 2021 was pulled and determination of eligibility, with an emphasis on high need students, was done using 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.

All students will receive an email through their UCM student email account by Tuesday, December 7, 2021 directing them to sign up for direct deposit and directing them to this page for additional information.

Payments will be made on a predetermined formula based on enrollment with priority placed on students with the highest need. If you did not complete a FAFSA then your estimated family contribution (EFC) score was calculated at the 12,001+ (Tier 3). A link to the aid amounts tables 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 available 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. Additional information on updating this information is below.

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.

Update Direct Deposit (/future-students/financing-your-education/internal-resources/student/admitted-student-information/payment-center.pdf)

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 (<https://www.usps.com/manage/forward.htm>) to a current address. Please allow at least 2 weeks for the check to arrive at the address on file with UCM through USPS. Students who receive aid payments by check will have 90 days to deposit the check. Lack of deposit within 90 days will be viewed a forfeiture of the aid and funds will be issued to other students with a demonstrated need.

Update Primary Address on File with UCM (/future-students/financing-your-education/internal-resources/student/admitted-student-information/update-primary-mailing-address-in-mycentral.pdf)

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-december-2021.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/oep/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 December 2021 HEERF III student aid payments are for undergraduate and graduate students who were enrolled in the Fall 2021 semester and for dual credit, international, and certificate students enrolled in Fall 2020, Spring 2021, and Fall 2021. Dual credit, international, and certificate students did not previously receive HEERF aid.

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, based on your enrollment in the eligible semesters.

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-december-2021.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?

Payments will start to be issued December 9, 2021. Please wait 3 business days for ACH/Direct Deposit posting to your bank accounts 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 (<mailto:cares@ucmo.edu?subject=>) 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)

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
(December 2021)

The below tables provide aid amounts for students based on a student's aid eligibility for semesters that students did not previously receive HEERF Student Aid payment.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

12+ credit hours			
<i>*EFC</i>	<i># of Students F21</i>	<i>Per Student Aid Amount</i>	<i>Category Total</i>
0-5,711	1736	\$850	\$1,475,600
5,712- 12,000	647	\$700	\$452,900
12,001+	1779	\$250	\$444,750
No FAFSA	1161	\$250	\$290,250

6-11 credit hours			
<i>*EFC</i>	<i># of Students F21</i>	<i>Per Student Aid Amount</i>	<i>Category Total</i>
0-5,711	258	\$550	\$141,900
5,712- 12,000	76	\$400	\$30,400
12,001+	126	\$150	\$18,900
No FAFSA	246	\$150	\$36,900

1-5 credit hours			
<i>*EFC</i>	<i># of Students F21</i>	<i>Per Student Aid Amount</i>	<i>Category Total</i>
0-5,711	47	\$250	\$11,750
5,712- 12,000	15	\$150	\$2,250
12,001+	24	\$100	\$2,400
No FAFSA	135	\$100	\$13,500

GRADUATE STUDENTS

9+ credit hours			
<i>*EFC</i>	<i># of Students F21</i>	<i>Per Student Aid Amount</i>	<i>Category Total</i>
0-5,711	135	\$650	\$87,750
5,712- 12,000	28	\$500	\$14,000
12,001+	18	\$200	\$3,600
No FAFSA	111	\$200	\$22,200

4-8 credit hours			
<i>*EFC</i>	<i># of Students F21</i>	<i>Per Student Aid Amount</i>	<i>Category Total</i>
0-5,711	205	\$350	\$71,750
5,712- 12,000	89	\$200	\$17,800
12,001+	99	\$100	\$9,900
No FAFSA	480	\$100	\$48,000

1-3 credit hours			
<i>*EFC</i>	<i># of Students F21</i>	<i>Per Student Aid Amount</i>	<i>Category Total</i>
0-5,711	55	\$0	\$0
5,712- 12,000	13	\$0	\$0
12,001+	23	\$0	\$0
No FAFSA	378	\$0	\$0

Other Eligible Student Populations

These students did not previously receive HEERF aid, due to the US Department of Education's restrictions in the CARES and CRRSAA HEERF funds.

Other Students					
<i>Student Population</i>	<i># of Students</i>		<i>Per Semester Student Aid</i>		<i>Category Total</i>
	<i>F20</i>	<i>S21</i>	<i>F21</i>		
Dual Credit	1048	2063	1148	\$150	\$638,850
Certificate	-	145	146	\$150	\$43,650
International	-	451	1367	\$150	\$272,700