

Truman State University has signed and returned the 'Recipient's Funding Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students' form. The university has received \$4,542,657 for the student portion of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III), the American Rescue Plan (ARP). These funds are to be provided as emergency financial aid to eligible students with '*exceptional need*' as it relates to the cost of attendance at Truman State University, such as tuition, food, housing, books and supplies, transportation, personal, health care and child care, or emergency costs related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

\$3,262,945 in HEERF III funds were disbursed to 1,106 students between July 1, 2021 and September 30, 2021. Including previous 2021 quarters, a total of \$3,300,945 in HEERF III funds has been disbursed to 1,128 students for the year.

The estimated total number of students at the institution eligible to receive an emergency financial aid grant is 3,571. This population is determined by the total number of students enrolled in Fall 2021 who are enrolled in 6 credit hours or more and are degree seeking, plus Summer 2021 Pell Grant eligible students who received ARP grant funds and are not enrolled in Fall 2021.

Based on Department of Education guidance, Pell Grant eligible students were automatically awarded a block grant amount if they did not fall into one of the below categories. These students were not required to submit an ARP application to receive grant funds. Additionally, non-Pell Grant eligible students with a valid 2021-2022 FAFSA on file may be eligible for emergency ARP grant funds if they did not fall into one of the following categories:

- Enrolled less than 6 credit hours for Fall 2021
- Non-degree seeking

Non-Pell Grant eligible students and students who are not eligible to submit a FAFSA are required to submit an ARP grant application detailing expenses and/or '*exceptional need*'. Furthermore, degree seeking Summer 2021 Pell Grant eligible students who were enrolled in summer classes were automatically awarded a block grant amount. These Summer 2021 students were not required to submit an ARP application to receive grant funds.

Students were determined to receive ARP (HEERF III) funding due to '*exceptional need*' as it relates to the cost of attendance at Truman State University, such as tuition, food, housing, books and supplies, transportation, personal, health care and child care, or emergency costs related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The University consistently applied amounts for each expense type based on the 2021-2022 cost of attendance expense(s). Health care and child care expenses were determined through documentation submitted by the student.

Non-Pell eligible students were sent email communications explaining HEERF III which included instructions on how to apply online for ARP funds on the student portal. A link to the ARP Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document was provided in each email (<https://www.truman.edu/admission-cost/cost-aid/office-of-financial-aid/heerf/arp-faq/>). Information regarding ARP (HEERF III) is available on the Truman website. Finally, an article was published in the September 7, 2021 campus online

publication, Truman Today, explaining the details of the grant with links to the FAQ and application process. The article can be found online at <http://newsletter.truman.edu/article.asp?id=28548> .