

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 U.S. Department of Education as part of the ARP Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III), is designed to prioritize students with the greatest demonstrated financial need.

- Estimated total number of students at Montgomery County Community College eligible to receive an emergency financial aid grant: 4,272
- Total number of Montgomery County Community College students 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: \$693,250

The College will distribute funds in two ways: automatic distribution to federal student aid applicants with the greatest identified need as described below and by application for 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 spring 2021 and summer 2021 semesters) and/or 2021-2022 (for fall 2021, spring 2022, and 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 2020-2021 or between \$0-\$5,846 for 2021-22.

Award amounts to eligible students can range from \$750 to a maximum of \$1,000. The highest grant amounts are provided to eligible students who exhibit the highest 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 (EFC)	AMOUNT
0	\$1,000
1-5,711	\$750

2021-22 EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION (EFC)	AMOUNT
0	\$1,000
1-5,711	\$750

The remaining HEERF III funds are available for students who did not qualify for the automatic distribution or have had additional unexpected expenses or incurred hardship because of COVID-19 in a semester in which the student has not received an automatic distribution. Eligible expenses include, but are not limited to, tuition, books, food, housing, health care, mental health care, or child care.

The HEERF III Student Emergency Grant funding to assist with current student account balances will only be considered as a last resort option. To be considered, you must:

- Be a US citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Have a completed and accepted 2020-2021 (for spring 2021 and summer 2021 semesters) and/or 2021-2022 (for fall 2021, spring 2022, and 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 (i.e., exceeded Pell and/or Federal Direct Loan limits, in student loan default, not making satisfactory academic progress, etc.)
 - Did not receive enough financial aid funding to cover course load (Note: If you have eligibility for Federal Direct Loans, and have made a personal choice not to borrow student loans, we respect your decision. 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 funds awarded via the emergency grant application will not exceed \$500 for emergency expenses and \$1,000 for tuition. Please note that with the exception of funding for a current account balance, students who receive the automatic distributions are not eligible to apply for additional student emergency grant funding.

You may submit a request for these emergency funds by completing the [online form](#).

[Apply for Emergency Funds](#)

If you have questions, please email at SEAG@mc3.edu.

Disbursement of Funds

An email will be sent to your College email if/when the funds have been awarded. Emergency grants will be processed through your Montco student account and, if you are enrolled in direct deposit, the funds will be deposited into the bank account on file. If you do not have direct deposit set up with the College, you will receive a refund check in the mail.

Essential Resources

- HEERF II
- HEERF III**
- Emergency Funding
- Tuition Assistance
- Frequently Asked Questions
- CARES Act
- Academic Support
- Student Success Center
- Health & Wellness

Apply for Emergency Assistance

Submit the Emergency Assistance application to find out if you are eligible for funds.

[Request Assistance](#)