

**University of Mississippi & University of Mississippi Medical Center
Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund - Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students
Report as of June 30, 2021**



OFFICE OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

On behalf of the University of Mississippi (UM), I acknowledge the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund agreement under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act was submitted to the U.S. Department of Education via grants.gov on April 14, 2020. Subsequent funding was authorized through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Public Law 116-260, signed into law on December 27, 2020 and the American Rescue Plan (ARP), Public Law 117-2, signed into law on March 11, 2021.

UM plans to use no less than fifty (50) percent of the funds received to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

Steven Holley
Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance

Higher Education Emergency Relief Funding – Institutional Portion

HEERF I – CARES	\$	8,321,319
HEERF II – CRRSAA		14,491,141
HEERF III – ARP		20,239,310
Total	\$	43,051,770

Higher Education Emergency Relief Funding – Student Aid

HEERF I – CARES	\$	8,321,319
HEERF II – CRRSAA		8,321,319
HEERF III – ARP		20,368,618
Total	\$	37,011,256

Emergency Financial Aid Grants Distributed to Students for the Quarter Ended June 30, 2021

University of Mississippi \$ 6,695,000
University of Mississippi Medical Center \$ 6,075

Estimated Total Number of Students Eligible to Participate for the Quarter Ended June 30, 2021

University of Mississippi, 10,392
University of Mississippi Medical Center, 2,304

Total Number of Students Who Received Emergency Financial Aid Grants for the Quarter Ended June 30, 2021

University of Mississippi 2,678

University of Mississippi Medical Center 15

Methodology

University of Mississippi

Students must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to verify eligibility requirements are met under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA).

In compliance with federal directives, the University of Mississippi prioritized students with exceptional need as evidenced by Pell Grant eligibility.

To request emergency financial aid grant funding under the HEERF II – CRRSAA, students applied requesting aid. Students indicated on the application whether awarded funds were to be distributed to them directly or to be applied against amounts owed to the university with any excess amounts remaining being refunded directly to the student.

Grants of \$2,500 per qualifying student were awarded.

University of Mississippi Medical Center

University of Mississippi Medical Center met with Institutional administration and determined programs of study that had the greatest disruption due to campus closure and allocated funds to those programs in tier one. Students must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to verify eligibility requirements are met under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA).

For subsequent funds, CRRSAA funding is being distributed via a student application process while the ARP funds will be distributed based on ISIR completions including awards to all students with a 0-300 EFC to ensure compliance with the needy student requirements of the act.

Instructions, Directions, and Guidance Provided Concerning Emergency Financial Aid Grants

University of Mississippi

The Office of the Provost announced to all students the availability of funding which included an overview of the federal assistance, eligibility requirements, application guidance, and a link to frequently asked questions.

Students accessed the grant application for Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF II) through the myOleMiss intranet portal.

A designated email account, umcares@olemiss.edu, was utilized to respond to student inquiries.

Upon submission of the Student Emergency Funding Application, students certified as to the following:

By submitting this form, I certify that I am currently experiencing financial need during the ongoing pandemic and wish to be considered for a HEERF II grant. The funding will be used to cover my cost of attendance and/or for emergency costs that have arisen due to the coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care. Please check the box below to affirm this.

University of Mississippi Medical Center

Email sent to all eligible program students that read:

As many of you know, the US congress passed the Cares Act on March 27, 2020 which included funds for students who experienced expenses related to COVID-19 disruption of their educational programs. The University of Mississippi received \$8,321,319 for this purpose. Of this, UMMC was allocated \$349,200. The medical center received no money directly. There were several options on how these funds might be distributed for greatest relief. Three cohorts of students were identified whose programs were most disrupted, completion delayed, and expenses incurred. These were the D4's, PT3's, and accelerated BSN students in the Oxford program. Each FAFSA eligible student in these cohorts received \$2000.00 to defray these real-time, unplanned-for expenses. All other UMMC students have the opportunity to apply for reimbursement of documented COVID-19 related expenses by making a claim for a portion of the remaining funds through the Office of Student Financial Aid intranet web portal given below.

<https://workflow.umc.edu/CAREsACT/default.aspx>

My office or the Office of Student Financial Aid will be happy to address any questions.