

**University of Mississippi & University of Mississippi Medical Center
Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund - Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students
Report as of September 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 followed required guidelines related to the amount of Emergency Financial Aid grants provided to students including spending no less than fifty (50) percent of the funds received under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund agreement under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

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 September 30, 2021

University of Mississippi \$ 9,949,000
University of Mississippi Medical Center \$ 1,287,985

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

University of Mississippi 5,875
University of Mississippi Medical Center 2,416

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

University of Mississippi 4,057

University of Mississippi Medical Center 1,489

Methodology

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Students who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents 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). International or undocumented students (including refugees to the U.S., asylum seekers, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) recipients, DREAMers, or individuals with similar statuses) must provide an explanation of their financial status and need.

In compliance with federal directives, the University of Mississippi prioritized students with exceptional financial need.

To request emergency financial aid grant funding under the HEERF III – ARP, 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 ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,000 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).

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

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An announcement email was sent to all students notifying them of 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 III) 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 III 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:

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) (Pub. L. 117-2). The ARP appropriated approximately \$39.6 billion for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) and represents the third stream of funding appropriated for HEERF to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus. This plan requires University of Mississippi Medical Center to conduct direct outreach to financial aid applicants about the opportunity to receive a financial aid adjustment due to the recent unemployment of a family member or independent student, or other circumstances. The Act states if you or your family's financial situation has changed significantly from what is reflected on your 2019 federal income tax return (for example, if you've lost a job or otherwise experienced a drop in income), you may be eligible to have your financial aid adjusted. Complete the FAFSA questions as instructed on the application (including the transfer of tax return and income information), submit your FAFSA form, then contact the school you plan to attend to discuss how your current financial situation has changed. Note that the school's decision is final and cannot be appealed to the U.S. Department of Education.

Please respond to this email if you, your spouse, or your parents have had a significant decrease in income since the 2019 taxes were filed. A financial aid advisor will reach out to you with instructions on how to complete the professional judgement process.

We look forward to helping all of our students during this difficult time.