

**University of Mississippi & University of Mississippi Medical Center
Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund - Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students
Report as of December 31, 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

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| 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

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| 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 December 31, 2021

University of Mississippi \$ 4,870,000.
University of Mississippi Medical Center \$ 1,500.

Estimated Total Number of Students Eligible to Participate for the Quarter Ended December 31, 2021

University of Mississippi 7,109
University of Mississippi Medical Center 2,300

Total Number of Students Who Received Emergency Financial Aid Grants for the Quarter Ended December 31, 2021

University of Mississippi 2,017
University of Mississippi Medical Center 2

Methodology

University of Mississippi

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).

The University of Mississippi Medical Center Office of Financial Aid awarded ARP funds to all students enrolled in any of its schools at least half-time for the Summer 2021 term. 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

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.

University of Mississippi Medical Center

No application requirements were needed for students during the fall semester. The University of Mississippi Medical Center chose to distribute funds to all students based on ISIR completions. Awards were made to all students with a 0-300 EFC in order to ensure we met award requirements based on student need. Award amounts averaged \$856 per student.