

HEERF III Student Emergency Aid Grants Available

As part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA), the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) provides colleges with funds to award grants for their students.

The HEERF III Grant can be used for any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, healthcare (including mental health care), or childcare. You do not have to pay back funds you receive from HEERF III Grant and these funds are not considered a financial aid award.

Who is eligible to apply for HEERF III Grant funds?

- All AOMA students in a degree-seeking program, including international students
- Students do NOT need to be eligible for Title IV aid to receive financial assistance
- Be enrolled in at least one credit in the FALL 2021 term **OR** have graduated since January 1, 2021 **OR** are a "Pending Grad" student since January 1, 2021

How much am I eligible to receive from the HEERF III Grant?

Eligible students can receive a minimum of \$200 with higher amounts going to student with demonstrated "exceptional need".

What is the deadline to apply for the HEERF III Grant?

The applications will be active Monday, October 4, 2021 through Friday, October 29, 2021 at 11:59 pm Central Time.

How will I know if I was awarded a HEERF III Grant?

You will receive a direct email from the Student Finance Coordinator.

How will I receive my HEERF III Grant funds?

AOMA will distribute HEERF III grant funds through direct deposit (unless otherwise requested) after the Committee has reviewed the applications and determined those students with the greatest need.

Can the HEERF III Grant funds be used towards my tuition balance?

Yes. Grant funds can be used for any of the following purposes:

- Food
- Rent/Housing
- Health/Dental Care
- **Tuition**
- Childcare Expenses
- Utilities
- Vehicle Expenses
- Technology

GRANT APPLICATION:

Please click the link below to go directly to the HEERF III Grant Application.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=4YYB4qd4D0uQOfLzEOsyNVqYn3GF7gpJmJ1mPsD9pZ1UQVIVOUMySUFLU0ZTSUpCNEFBRVUyS1FEQS4u>

Additional Information:

AOMA's HEERF III Grant allocation is \$41,955.00 and was awarded August 19, 2021. One hundred percent of this allocation is to be used to fund Grants directly to students.

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) III Proprietary Institution Grant Funds for Students Program Frequently Asked Questions:

<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/arpfaq.pdf>

For any additional questions, please contact Natalie Garrett, AOMA Student Finance Coordinator at n Garrett@aoma.edu or 512-492-3007.