

Mississippi College
Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) – Grants to Students
(Updated Quarterly Fund Report)
As of March 31, 2021

General Information

Mississippi College (the “Institution”) **acknowledges that the Institution signed and returned** to the US Department of Education the Funding Certification and Agreement for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund – Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CARES Act. Mississippi College (the “Institution”) received a revised Grant Award Notification dated 1/27/21 from the US Department of Education increasing the amount to be awarded as Emergency Aid to Students.

The **total amount originally allocated to the Institution** for the purpose of providing these Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under HEERF Round I is \$1,505,713. The Institution received a Grant Award Notification (Notification P425E200350) from the US Department of Education dated April 27, 2020 for that amount. On January 27, 2021, the Institution received a revised Grant Award notification increasing the amount to \$3,011,426.

The Grant Award Notification states that any unliquidated grant funds from the CARES Act (HEERF Round I) may be used consistent with the provisions of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) Section 314(c)(3) – HEERF Round II. The information presented in this report in the following paragraphs is the combined awards for both the CARES Act and CRRSAA.

The **total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students** as of 3/31/21 is \$2,334,400, leaving an undistributed balance of \$677,026.

The **total number of students at the Institution eligible** to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act (HEERF Round I) is 3,407. Eligibility was expanded under CRRSAA (HEERF Round II), therefore the number of eligible students is now 4,007.

The **total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant** as of 3/31/2021 under the CARES Act (HEERF Round I) is 1,733. The number of unduplicated students who have received an award as of 3/31/21 under the CRRSAA grant (HEERF Round II) is 1,499.

Method Used to Determine Which Students Received Grant Funds

For the distribution of funds under the CARES Act, the Institution formed a Student Emergency Aid Review Committee (made up of faculty and staff) to develop a method for distribution and allocation of the Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students. The Committee decided to prioritize the students with the greatest need first by allocating \$1000 to each Pell-eligible student who was living on-campus during the Spring 2020 semester and \$750 to each Pell-eligible student who lived off-campus during the Spring 2020 semester. Through that allocation to the neediest of students, the Institution awarded a total of **\$1,052,500 on 5.13.2020 to 1,261 students.**

After the Pell-eligible students were addressed, the Committee decided to allocate the remaining funds (HEERF Round I) through an online application process. Eligible students were notified of the availability of the grant funds via social media and our website and were encouraged to apply. Using this method, the Institution has awarded (as of 3/31/21) an additional **\$453,213 to 472 students**. This group of students received grants ranging from \$200 to \$1000 based on the amount requested on the application.

For funds available under HEERF Round II, the Institution established an online application process that prioritized the neediest of students. A sliding scale grid was created and funds were awarded based on the FAFSA Estimated Family Contribution as follows:

FAFSA EFC Range	Award Amount
\$0 (full Pell)	\$750
\$1 to \$5711	\$600
\$5712 and above	\$400
No FAFSA on File	\$400

The Institution has awarded a total of \$828,687 in HEERF Round II funds to 1,499 students as of 3/31/2021.

Communication to Students

The Institution has communicated guidance to students concerning these Emergency Financial Aid Grants in a number of ways. Our website includes Frequently Asked Questions that address the availability of these funds, who is eligible and the type of expenses that can be covered. In addition, each student that received an award received instructions on how the funds can be used in an email. The language in the email to students now includes language that is reflective of the allowable expense language under CRRSAA: Eligible Expenses for the student emergency aid portion include any component of the student’s cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care), or childcare.

Report Submission Requirements

The initial report for this grant was posted on the university’s website on May 26, 2020 with the first follow-up report 45 days after the date of the initial report (July 10, 2020) and the second follow-up report 45 days later (dated August 24, 2020), as required by the US Department of Education. Reports are now required to be posted within 10 days of the quarter end. This report satisfies the requirement for the quarter ended 3/31/21.