

HEERF III American Rescue Plan -Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Fall 2021

Holy Cross continues to provide emergency financial aid grants to students whose lives have been disrupted by the COVID-19 crisis, many of whom may be facing financial challenges and struggling to make ends meet.

In the fall of 2021, grants are being funded by the federal government through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) III, established by the American Rescue Plan (ARP). Students experiencing ongoing challenges with financing their educational costs should contact the financial aid office to speak with a representative regarding opportunities that may be available.

About the American Rescue Plan Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III

The American Rescue Plan (ARP), which was signed into law in March 2021, provides economic relief in response to COVID-19. Included in the legislation is the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III), which provides funding to higher education institutions across the country to distribute to students with financial need.

Eligible student groups include citizens, permanent residents, international students, refugees, asylum seekers, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients, and similar undocumented students. The ARP requires that institutions prioritize students with exceptional need and authorizes grants to students enrolled in both campus and online programs.

Students who meet the following eligibility will be provided an award, NO application is

Applications will be reviewed as they are received and may take up to fourteen (14) business days to be reviewed. Due to the limited nature of funds available, we encourage students to apply as soon as possible. Please note even if your income has changed, it may not result in a change in the amount of financial aid you receive.

Will everyone who applies for an additional emergency grant receive one?

We cannot guarantee that all who apply for an additional emergency grant will receive one due to the limited funds available.

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