

Mt. San Antonio College

HEERF III (ARP) Emergency Grant

PROPOSED Distribution Plan for 2021-2022 academic Year

OVERVIEW

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) is authorized by the American Rescue Plan (ARP), Public Law 117-2, signed into law on March 11, 2021, providing \$39.6 billion in support to institutions of higher education to serve students and ensure learning continues during the COVID-19 pandemic.

MtSAC's HEERF III Student Portion Allocation is \$30,213,091. \$ 1,446,955 has been distributed via staff referrals and online emergency aid applications. **Remaining balance is \$ 28,766,136.**

Deadline to distribute these funds to students is **May 2022**. The plan is to distribute these funds to students during the Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 terms based on multiple methodologies, recognizing students' needs.

ALLOWABLE USES

Students may use the grants toward:

- Any component of their cost of attendance
- Emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as:
 - Tuition
 - Food
 - Housing
 - Health care (including mental)
 - Child care

RECOMMENDED ACTION PLAN

MtSAC will use a graduated hybrid approach in distributing HEERF funds to students (details of each approach detailed below)

- **Tiered batch post awards (total \$25,032,050)** to students based on the highest documented unmet need determined by the FAFSA or CADAA Financial Aid Application. Used as a tiered methodology. Tier I for students receiving federal or state aid and Tier II for students who have documented need but may not be receiving federal or state aid. This includes Dreamer students.
- **Staff Referral Application process (total \$1,050,000)**
- **Online Emergency Aid Application (total \$2,230,500)**
- **International Student Awards (total \$ 450,500)**

As outlined in the Grant Agreement, Mt. SAC is required to prioritize HEERF III funds to students with the highest need. Students are no longer required to be Federal Title IV eligible.

HEERF Distribution Details

TIER I BATCH DISTRIBUTION - Pell Grant Eligible Students: Completed the 2021-2022 FAFSA application and have high remaining unmet need based on FAFSA Application and term specific enrollment level.

Annual est. total: \$12,743,250

- **Fall 2021 Awards; Est. \$6,066,750**
 - Approximately 8,089 students.
 - Provide \$500-\$1000 awards.
- **Spring 2021 Awards; Est. \$ 6,667,500**
 - Approximately 8,890 students
 - Provide \$500-\$1,000 awards

TIER II BATCH DISTRIBUTION - Non-Pell Grant Eligible Students: Completed the 2021-2022 FAFSA or **California Dream Act application (CADAA)** with documented financial aid need based on FAFSA/CADAA information and term specific enrollment level. Because of lack of receipt of federal aid, award amounts are \$250 higher.

Annual est. total: \$12,288,800

- **Fall 2021 Awards; Est. \$ 6,288,300**
 - Approximately 6,987 students
 - Provide \$750-\$1,250 awards
- **Spring 2022 Awards; Est. \$6,000,500**
 - Approximately 7,315 students
 - Provide \$750-\$1,250 awards

****Totals include 555 Dreamer Students. Estimated disbursements: \$1,300,000***

STAFF REFERRAL PROCESS:

- Enrolled students encountering financial aid hardship may be referred by a Mt SAC staff, faculty or manager to be considered for an award
- Referral process is available until funds are exhausted
- Referral form can be found online
 - [fa-cares-act-referral-form.pdf \(mtsac.edu\)](https://www.mtsac.edu/fa-cares-act-referral-form.pdf)

Annual est. total: \$ 1,050,000

- Approximately 1,200 Students
- Awards between \$250 -\$1000
- Any credit student enrolled can be referred
- The Mt. SAC Campus Community (staff, faculty, managers) have received an email communication with details and instructions on the Emergency Grant referral process

- Grant amounts will vary based on the student's extenuating circumstances

ONLINE EMERGENCY AID APPLICATION:

- Application available to all students via the Mt SAC Financial Aid website
 - https://www.mtsac.edu/financialaid/emergency_funds.html
- Any credit student can apply. Application process will remain open until funds are exhausted.

Annual est. total \$2,230,000

- Approximately 2,600 Students
- Awards between \$250 -\$1000
- Any credit student enrolled can be referred
- Application is currently available on the Mt SAC website and will remain open until funds are exhausted

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS:

- Available to enrolled F-1 International Students who have emergency needs based on the pandemic such as increased costs for medical and healthcare, living expenses in the U.S. and inability to travel home during academic recesses, need for technology support, increased cost of attendance.

Annual est. total \$465,500

- Approximately 300 students
- Awards between \$1,000-\$2,000

Referral Form Details:

Form available online: [fa-cares-act-referral-form.pdf \(mtsac.edu\)](https://www.mtsac.edu/fa-cares-act-referral-form.pdf)



Mt. San Antonio College HEERF Emergency Grant Referral Form

Name of Student: _____ Student ID: _____

Academic Year: _____ Semester: _____

Mt. SAC Student Email (username@student.mtsac.edu): _____

Personal Email: _____

Current Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

By signing below, the Referring Party confirms the student named above has expressed an exceptional need related to any component of the following:

- ☐ Any component in the student's cost of attendance (current or future costs if related to support student's re-enrollment at the College); or
- ☐ For emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care.

Amount student is requesting:

- ☒ \$250
- ☐ \$500
- ☐ \$750
- ☐ \$1,000

Name and Title of Referring Party: _____

Signature of Referring Party: _____ Date: _____

Once signed, email form to financialaid@mtsac.edu.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

The referral has been reviewed and approved by:

- ☐ Director of Financial Aid
- ☐ Assistant Director of Financial Aid
- ☐ Manager of Financial Aid

Approval Printed Name: _____

Approval Signature: _____ Date: _____

Online Application Details:

Application available for students online: https://www.mtsac.edu/financialaid/emergency_funds.html

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund

Description

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) allows Mt. SAC to offer emergency grants to students, requiring that...

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Supporting Documents



Applicant Record

You can save your application at any time by clicking **Save and Keep Editing** at the bottom of the form. Once completed, you can submit your application by clicking **Finish and Submit**.
Note: Required fields are marked with an asterisk.

Supplemental Questions

* First Name:

* Last Name:

* Mt. SAC Student ID #:

* Mt. SAC Student Email Address:

* Primary Phone Number:

* Secondary Phone Number:

* I understand I must be currently enrolled for spring 2021 to be eligible for HEERF Grant funds consideration and disbursement.

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

* I confirm I have NOT received an emergency grant this semester (in your FA portal, there is no award named "CRRSAA Act Emergency Grt - Std")

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

* I certify I have an exceptional need related to (select all that apply):

- ☐ A component of my cost of attendance (tuition, required fees, books and supplies, room and board (meals) and other related expenses)
☐ Emergency costs that arose due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care

* I am requesting the following amount of emergency funds:

- ☐ 250
☐ 500
☐ 750
☐ 1000

* CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE (REQUIRED): I understand that this is a one-time emergency grant request. This is not a loan and does not need to be repaid. Additional documentation may be requested. These funds are limited, are not an entitlement, and are to be distributed to the student's self-elected refund preference. Applications will be evaluated in the order referred until funds are depleted. My signature below serves as my self-certification of eligibility for these funds and also confirms that all information I have provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. - Answer 1 time.

* Date:

Please enter a date formatted like MM/DD/YYYY.

* Signature and Self-Certification of Eligibility

Save and Keep Editing

Finish and Submit

