

Macomb Community College, HEERF Reporting

Acknowledgement of Certification & Agreement

Macomb Community College signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement for Emergency Relief Funds to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II)

Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act (CRRSAA)

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) is authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Public Law 116-260, signed into law on December 27, 2020. This new law gives the United States Department of Education (DOE) approximately \$22.7 billion to distribute to institutions of higher education in order to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus. CRRSAA requires that an institution receiving funding under section 314(a)(1) to provide the “same amount” in financial aid grants to students from the new CRRSAA funds that it was required to provide under its original CARES Act Student award.

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III)

American Rescue Plan (ARP)

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.

ARP funds are in addition to funds authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Public Law 116-260 and the Coronavirus Aid, Recovery, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136.

Emergency funds available to institutions and their students under all emergency funds (CARES, CRRSAA and ARP) total \$76.2 billion.

HEERF Funding Awarded to Macomb Community College

HEERF II (CRRSAA)

Institutional Award: **\$16,063,418**

Student Aid: **\$4,808,649**

HEERF III (ARP)

Institutional Award: **\$17,843,183**

Student Aid: **\$18,605,657**

As a result, institutions must make financial aid grants to students, which 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, health care (including mental health care), or child care. Unlike the CARES Act, the HEERF II (CRRSAA) and HEERF III (ARP) requires that institutions prioritize students with exceptional need.

Macomb Community College will distribute emergency grants to eligible students experiencing financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Additional Institutional funding may be added to the student emergency grant fund if needed to ensure all eligible students are able to receive emergency funds. These are one-time grants from the federal government that do not require any repayment and are not taxable.

The HEERF II (CRRSAA) and HEERF III (ARP) emergency grants provide temporary, short-term, emergency financial assistance to eligible students whose lives have been disrupted by COVID-19 and whose capacity to continue their education may be interrupted due to financial hardship as a result of the pandemic.

Data on emergency financial aid grants to students is available on Macomb.edu
<https://www.macomb.edu/transparency-reporting/index.html>

Method Used to Determine Eligibility for Emergency Financial Aid Grants and Communication to Students

HEERF II Student Aid was disbursed to students (including non-credit, sponsored and dually enrolled students), on June 3. Students with the highest financial need were

prioritized as they will receive higher grant award levels. This award was based on enrollment during the winter 2021 semester.

On June 18 additional aid was disbursed to credit students (including sponsored and dually enrolled students). This disbursement for fall 2020 and winter 2021 semesters is also categorized as a student emergency aid grant in order to reimburse students for the online course fees that they paid when the College was required to pivot to online classes due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which resulted in increased costs to students due to no choice of their own.

A disbursement will also be made for the spring/summer 2021 semester after July 1 and the withdraw period has passed.