

Dear MSMU Student,

As you may be aware, MSMU is eligible under the federal Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) II to provide financial assistance in the form of direct cash grants or financial aid to students with significant financial need who have been impacted by the Covid-19 Pandemic. This email is to provide more information about this funding and the application process to receive assistance. The process will be similar to the CARES Act funding made available last year.

MSMU may provide grants to students under (HEERF) who have experienced expenses related to the pandemic or who are experiencing challenges in financing their education. Your university cost of attendance expenses such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care are included.

The funds are available for graduate and undergraduate students. Students do not need to already be receiving federal financial aid in order to qualify for assistance, however, only students who are eligible to receive federal financial aid may receive funding under HEERF.

These funds are not part of a financial aid award and eligible students may use these funds to address whatever emergency financial needs they are experiencing. However, students may elect to put these funds towards MSMU tuition and fees and will be provided an opportunity to opt-in to do so.

If you are facing unique financial challenges as a result of attending MSMU during the COVID-19 pandemic, you should complete the HEERF II Application. This application identifies costs that may make you eligible for emergency grant funding. As funds are limited, they will be awarded based on the number of students in need and the necessary institutional methodology to best assist the most students. Students may not be directly reimbursed for all costs included in the application. Per the federal requirements for the grant, students with the highest demonstrated need reflected on their FAFSA will be given priority for funds.

You can access the application [here](#).

We ask that all students submit their application as soon as possible. Applications submitted by **Wednesday, March 31, 2021** will be given priority consideration. We will continue providing funds until the entire allotment of MSMU HEERF funding is provided to students.

Please reply to this email if you have any questions after reviewing the application.