

1. **An acknowledgment that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used the applicable amount of funds designated under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.**

On 4/16/2020 MSMU signed and returned the Department of Education Certification and Agreement letter assuring the Department that the institution will use no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act (HEERF I) to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. As MSMU was a recipient of HEERF I 18004(a)(1), we were not required to submit a new application, or to sign and return a new Certification and Agreement letter in connection with HEERF II and HEERF III; rather, a standard Certification and Agreement letter was issued following our receipt on 1/18/2021 of HEERF II Section 314(a)(1), and following our receipt on 5/20/2021 of HEERF III Section 314(a)(1). MSMU has used the applicable amount of funds designated under HEERF II and HEERF III (a)(1) programs to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

2. **The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.**

On 1/18/2021 MSMU received \$1,567,874 from the Department of Education pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under HEERF II (CRRSAA); on 5/20/2021 MSMU received \$4,642,280 from the Department of Education pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under HEERF III (ARP); for a to-date cumulative HEERF II & III amount of \$6,210,154 for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students. When adding this sum to the \$1,567,874 previously received by MSMU on 4/25/2020 under HEERF I (CARES Act), this results in a to-date cumulative HEERF I-III amount of \$7,778,028 for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

3. **The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs as of the date of submission (*i.e.*, as of the initial report and every calendar quarter thereafter).**

During the fourth quarter of the 2021 calendar year (October 1-December 31), the university awarded \$634,500 in HEERF II (CRRSAA) & HEERF III (ARP) emergency grants to students. Added to the \$4,276,499 the university had awarded as of September 30, 2021 over the course of the first three calendar quarters of 2021, as indicated in our previous quarterly report, this results in a

total of \$4,910,999 in HEERF II & III emergency grants to students to date. When adding this sum to the \$1,567,874 previously awarded to students under HEERF I (CARES Act), this results in a to-date cumulative HEERF I-III amount of \$6,478,873 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

4. **The estimated total number of students at the institution that are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.**

Based on the student eligibility parameters included in HEERF II & III and additional clarification directives provided by the Department of Education, MSMU estimates approximately 2,679 students were eligible for consideration for emergency grant funding.

5. **The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.**

During the fourth quarter of the 2021 calendar year (October 1-December 31), 250 students received emergency grant funds under HEERF II & III based on the eligibility parameters and MSMU awarding process.

6. **The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.**

Due to the continued high level of financial need of our students, Mount Saint Mary's University, Los Angeles (MSMU) requested that our students submit an application for HEERF II & III funds. Students were notified of the availability of HEERF funding and application process via email (see link below). All students are eligible to apply for these funds if they were enrolled on or after March 13, 2020.

In order to attempt to accommodate the largest amount of student applicants, a range of dollar awards based in part on EFC was established with a maximum HEERF II or III award of \$3,000 per student. Students with an EFC below 5847 were awarded \$3,000 and students with a higher EFC or who did not file a FAFSA, were awarded \$1,500.

7. **Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.**

MSMU has continued to encourage students to apply as part of scheduled student engagements. For example, we included a presentation on HEERF student aid at a student forum in November 2021. In early December 2021 we sent emails to all students who had not yet applied with instructions on how to

apply. See below for an image of the email communication delivered to students in early December 2021; and the application portal.

**From:** [Enrollment Services](#)  
**To:** [Enrollment Services](#)  
**Subject:** Grant Opportunity for MSMU Students  
**Date:** Monday, December 6, 2021 9:52:56 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Dear Student:

MSMU is eligible under the federal America Rescue Plan Act of 2021 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. MSMU may provide grants to students 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.

HEERF funds are available for all graduate and undergraduate students. Students do not need to already be receiving federal financial aid in order to qualify for assistance.

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

We ask that all students submit their application as soon as possible. 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.

Thank you,

Enrollment Services

[www.msmu.edu](http://www.msmu.edu)



# Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) III Application

If you have any questions, please email [enrollmentservices@msmu.edu](mailto:enrollmentservices@msmu.edu).

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Hi, [REDACTED]. When you submit this form, the owner will see your name and email address.

\* Required

1. Student Name \*

2. Student ID# \*

## 3. MSMU Email Address \*

## 4. Program \*

- Graduate
- Undergraduate

## 5. Degree \*

- Traditional Undergraduate
- AD.N Undergraduate
- Accelerated Nursing Undergraduate
- RN to BSN
- Weekend & Evening College
- Graduate Weekend
- Graduate Evening
- Doctor of Physical Therapy
- Clinical Psychology (PsyD)

6. Where are you Currently Living? \*

- MSMU Housing (still on campus)
- Moved Off Campus due to COVID-19
- Off Campus (live on your own or with roommates)
- With parents or relatives

7. Please provide additional explanation (including for items you listed above) on how the COVID-19 Pandemic disruption of the academic semester has caused you financial hardship.

Enter your answer

8. I understand I will receive these funds via a refund check and that if I don't enroll in eRefund, there will be a delay in receiving a paper check via US Mail. \*

*Type your initials below*

Enter your answer



9. Would you like to opt-in to apply these funds to your MSMU student account? \*

*Students are eligible to receive these funds as a cash grant. However, you can also choose to apply any grant you receive to current or future MSMU costs.*

Yes

No

Send me an email receipt of my responses

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