

FCIM HEERF III Student Aid Grant Information – Spring 2022

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 5PM EST, Friday April 15, 2022

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 total \$76.2 billion.

This new law gives the U.S. Department of Education, through the Higher Education Relief Fund (HEERF), funds to distribute to institutions of higher education in order to help with the “**exceptional needs**” brought on by the disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Eligibility

Applicant must have been enrolled in FCIM **continuously** between January 24, 2022 and April 15, 2022.

Applicant must meet the definition of “**exceptional need**”.

Unlike the CARES Act grant in 2020, FAFSA’s do not need to be completed for eligibility purposes and international students are not restricted from applying for this grant.

Use of funds

HEERF II awards must be used for any part of the cost of attendance or emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus such as tuition, food,

housing, education materials, health care (including mental health care) and childcare as well as other living expenses.

The student has the option to consent to use either all or a portion of the grant toward any account balances owed the school. (The form for this will be available when the application for the grant is approved.)

Repayment of Grant

This is a grant and does not have to be repaid.

Taxes on Grant Funds

These funds are not considered taxable income.

To Apply for the Grant

Follow this link to complete the application. Completed application must be submitted no later than **5 P.M. EST, Friday, April 15, 2022.**

Notification of Approval

We expect to notify approved applicants via email with the eligible amount on or around April 22, 2022.

Disbursement of Grants

The school will notify you when the grant checks are available to pick up.