

University of Saint Joseph
HEERF III Student Emergency Financial Aid Portion
Public Reporting Requirement

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) is authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP), Public Law 117-2 and signed into law on March 11, 2021.

The following questions as set forth in the Federal Register's Notice of Public Posting Requirement of Grant Information for HEERF Grantees and the responses by the University of Saint Joseph (USJ) are for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2021.

1. *An acknowledgement 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 ARP program to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.*
 - USJ signed and submitted the U.S. Department of Education Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CARES Act on April 11, 2020. The U.S. Department of Education provided USJ with an electronically signed Grant Award Notification (GAN) on April 27, 2020.
 - The Award was revised with an increase of funds through ARP on May 25, 2021.
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 ARP program.*
 - USJ received an additional \$1,756,448 for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the ARP program.
3. *The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the ARP program as of the date of submission.*
 - As of September 30, 2021, \$30,353 was awarded from the revised increased award under the ARP program as part of a partial use of the funds. Additional distribution of grants will occur during the 2022 academic year.
4. *The estimated total number of students at the institution that were eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the ARP program.*
 - The estimated number of students eligible for the ARP grants is 2,359.
5. *The total number of students who received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under the ARP program.*
 - As of September 30, 2021, 32 USJ students received a direct cash grant under the ARP program as part of a partial use of the funds for high need summer program students.

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 ARP program.*

- USJ method for awarding was as follows:
 - Because prioritizing the greatest need was the goal, USJ determined that an appropriate measure to gauge this was to use a student's unmet need for financial aid.
 - Unmet need is defined as Cost of Attendance less family contribution less scholarships/grants less loan eligibility.
 - Students who were employees and had loan eligibility were not awarded a student grant due to support received from the USJ tuition waiver program.
 - For the first distribution of emergency student grants under ARP, USJ focused on high need summer program students. Additional distributions will occur during the remainder of the 2022 academic year.

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

- For the award through ARP, USJ issued a letter to each student who received a cash grant that contained the following language:

American Rescue Plan Act of 2021(ARP), passed by Congress on March 11, 2021 allocated funds to the University of Saint Joseph (USJ) for emergency cash grants to students. The guidance requests USJ prioritize students with the greatest need. USJ has determined that an appropriate measure for awarding these funds is to provide them to students with unmet need for financial aid. Unmet need is defined as Cost of Attendance less family contribution less scholarships/grants less loan eligibility. Because you qualify for this grant, you are scheduled to receive an ARP grant in the amount of \$XXX.

No action is required to receive your ARP funds. If you have already signed up for direct deposit, these funds will be processed accordingly. The grants will be processed the week of August 16, 2021.

These funds may be used for any component of your 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 and will not impact your other financial aid.

If you have any questions, please contact me at llucker@usj.edu.

Best regards,



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