Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund – Round 3 – HEERF III

The **American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021** was passed to provide additional economic relief from COVID-19. Logan was approved for \$428,001 for emergency financial grants to students, which may 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. Additionally, Logan was approved for \$325,480 for institutional expenses related to COVID-19. The University has made the decision to award the full institutional share to students for emergency grants allocating the total \$753,481 as such.

Students eligible for grants under the HEERF III at Logan University are those who:

- 1. Were enrolled at Logan in the 2021 Summer Trimester as of August 12, 2021
- 2. All currently enrolled students are eligible including international students, less than halftime status and non-degree students
- 3. Excludes Logan faculty or staff enrolled as a student, and high school dual enrollment students

Grant Amounts Awarded:

- Current Pell Grant Recipients: \$800
- All other eligible students: \$446

Eligible students will automatically receive a grant. *No application needed to be considered*.

When will the Grant be Paid

- EFT (Direct Deposit) is strongly encouraged. Link to complete the form is <u>www.logan.edu/StudentEFTForm</u>
- EFT forms should be completed by *Friday, August 20th* to guarantee funding in this manner.
- If you do not have a US Bank account or EFT does not work for you, please log into Self Serve ASAP to verify address on file. A check will be mailed to that address.
- Disbursement will post by the end of August.

Apply Grant to My Summer 2021 and/or Fall 2021 Tuition and Fees

A consent is required for the university to apply the grant toward an amount that you owe for tuition and fees. To ask us to apply the grant in this manner, please complete the <u>HEERF III</u> <u>Consent to Apply Grant Toward Tuition and Fees</u> form.

HEERF III FAQs

Please review the FAQ items below for additional guidance regarding HEERF III student grant distributions.

• Why am I receiving this money?

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III ("HEERF III") is authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act, 2021 (ARP), Public Law 117-2. Eligible students will receive either \$800 or \$446 HEERF III grant. Logan University students are able to use these funds to assist with expenses related to any component of their cost of attendance or emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) and child care. Recipients were notified via email in Logan News Now.

• Which students are eligible for HEERF III grants?

HEERF III student grant funds will be awarded as a block grant to Logan students who meet these criteria:

-Were enrolled at Logan in the 2021 Summer Trimester as of August 12, 2021 -Excludes Logan faculty or staff enrolled as a student, and high school dual enrollment students

• I got this money as a refund. Does this mean my Logan account balance has been paid off?

No. Distribution of HEERF III funds is made directly to students and not applied by the University toward any outstanding balances that may still be owed by the student. As such, receipt of these funds does not indicate the recipient has satisfied their financial obligations to Logan for any debts incurred. Please check your current account balance in self serve to determine what you may still owe.

• I signed the consent form. Does my grant get applied toward my outstanding balance?

Yes, the grant will apply toward any outstanding balance that you have if you signed the electronic consent form. If you have a zero balance, it will be applied toward your Fall 2021 tuition and fees. You will receive a refund for any amount in excess of what you owe.

• Am I eligible to receive HEERF III funds if I am not meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards?

Yes. Guidance issued by the U.S. Department of Education indicates that students not meeting Financial Aid SAP standards (or other Title IV student eligibility criteria) are still eligible for HEERF II distributions.

- Are International students, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) students and non-degree eligible for HEERF III funds? Yes.
- Do I have to pay this money back?

No. Any funds a student receives from the HEERF III funds do not need to be repaid.

• Does this money count against my financial aid package?

No. Grant funding from HEERF III is not considered financial assistance under federal statue, nor U.S. Department of Education regulations. As such, these funds will not impact your eligibility for regular financial aid (e.g., grants, scholarships, loans).

• Is money received from HEERF III considered taxable income?

HEERF III grants are not treated as taxable income or untaxed income for Title IV federal student aid purposes.

In addition, because the emergency financial aid grant is not includable in a student's gross income, students are not able to claim any deduction or credit for expenses paid with the grant including the tuition and fees deduction, the American Opportunity Credit, or the Lifetime Learning Credit. See section 139(h) of the Internal Revenue Code. All students are encouraged to talk with a personal tax professional relating to any questions you may have about the treatment of the funds.

For additional questions, please contact financialaid@logan.edu.