

## **HEERF III—American Rescue Plan (ARP)**

On May 16, 2021, Mount Aloysius College received \$1,531,567.00 in funds from the American Rescue Plan for Student Emergency Grants. Student HEERF funds awarded under the ARP must be reserved to provide students with financial aid grants, 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 childcare.

If an institution obtains a student's written (or electronic), affirmative consent, an institution is permitted to apply these grants directly to the student's institutional account; however, students must be informed that they retain the option to receive a direct disbursement of the financial aid grant and that an institution may not require that the grant be applied to the student's account.

The ARP requires that institutions prioritize students with exceptional need, such as students who receive Pell Grants, in awarding financial aid grants to students. However, students do not need to be Pell recipients or students who are eligible for Pell grants to be identified as having exceptional need.

### **Payment Methodology**

Our institution determined funds would be allocated to the largest number of students possible due to impacts of COVID-19 related events. Following USDOE's guidance, Pell eligible students receive priority funding. However, based on our institution's determined criteria, certain non-Pell eligible students are also considered eligible for funding.

### **Disbursement Process**

Any disbursed emergency grant funds will be released to students by refund check. Students were provided the option to authorize payment towards current account balances, but this was not required for eligibility.

A payment is not necessarily a reflection of a student's current student account balance, as these funds are disbursed directly to a student no matter if a current balance is owed to the institution, unless the student provided authorization for application to account balances.

Students determined eligible for HEERF payments will receive a confirmation email from the college.

## **HEERF III Payment Allocation Information**

Total amount of HEERF III aid available for payments to students:	\$1,531,567.00
Total amount of HEERF III aid paid to eligible students as of 9/30/2021:	\$10,001.00
Total number of eligible students paid:	60