

## **ARP Act Student Section 2003(a)(1) – Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III)**

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This is the second quarterly posting.

### **Total Amount of Funds Received and Distributed**

The college's allocation through the HEERF III program to be awarded to students is \$10,947,362.

The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 2003(a)(1) of the ARP Act as of January 7, 2022 is \$4,691,584.

The amount of HEERF funding that institutions received is varied based on the Department of Education's allocation formula. That means the amount of the emergency grants at Joliet Junior College will not be the same as at other colleges. Each institution developed its own strategy for disbursing the funds to eligible students enrolled at their campus. These funds are limited, are not guaranteed, and requests may not be granted in full.

### **Eligible Students**

As of October 28, 2021, 4,682 JJC students were eligible to participate in this program. Eligible students for Fall 2021 participation were determined using the following criteria:

- Enrolled in Fall 2021 undergraduate course(s)
- Have completed a 2021-2022 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or 2021-2022 Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid (RISE Act)
- Have a valid Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) assigned by the Department of Education or Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC).

Spring 2022 awarding will begin in April 2022. Eligible students for Spring 2022 participation will be determined using the following criteria:

- Enrolled in Spring 2022 undergraduate course(s)
- Have completed a 2022-2023 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or 2022-2023 Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid (RISE Act)
- Have a valid Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) assigned by the Department of Education or Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC).

### **Total Number of Students Receiving Grant**

The total number of (unduplicated) students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 2003(a)(1) of the ARP Act as of January 7, 2022 is 5,685.

### **Process to Determine Student Eligibility & Grant Amount**

Enrolled students will automatically be considered for the grant. Enrollment, eligibility and need will be evaluated at the time of awarding. Students will be notified by their JJC student email if they are

awarded. Awards will be viewable through Financial Aid Self-Service. Funds will be issued by the Student Accounts & Payments Office.

At JJC, HEERF III eligible students will be categorized into three need priority groups:

- Need Priority Group #1: Students who have a \$0 EFC and a Pell or MAP Alternative Application award. Students in this group will receive the highest HEERF III award.
- Need Priority Group #2: Students who have greater than \$0 EFC and a Pell or MAP Alternative Application award. Students in this group will receive a lower HEERF III award.
- Need Priority Group #3: Students who have a FAFSA or MAP Alternative Application on file, a valid EFC, but no Pell or MAP Alternative Application award. Students in this group will receive the lowest HEERF III award.

Final HEERF III award amounts for each need priority group will be determined based on the number of students in each group and the total allocation of HEERF III funds for the semester which is determined by President's Cabinet.

### **ARP Act and HEERF III funding FAQ**

[This comprehensive FAQ \(https://jjc.edu/available-grants\)](https://jjc.edu/available-grants) includes information about fund application, eligibility, distribution, and award amount, including other key details regarding the process and student support contacts.

### **Acknowledgements**

An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used, or intends to use, no less than 50 percent of the funds received under the ARP Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.