

Union University HEERF III Reporting

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1. Union University was not required to apply for HEERF II funds since it received CARES Act funding (under Section 18004(e)).
2. Awarding progression:
 1. The amount of your the was based on the following criteria:
 1. All students who documented at least \$1,500 in expenses were awarded \$1,500. Students who documented less than \$1,500 were awarded the amount they documented.
 2. Students who are eligible to receive a Pell grant and documented at least \$4,000 were awarded \$4,000. Pell grant eligible students who documented less than \$4,000 were awarded the amount they documented.
 2. Union University received 1,589 applications and determined that 1,546 of the applicants were eligible for a grant.
 3. As of August 20, 2021, Union University has disbursed the Higher ED Emergency Relief Funds III Grant as follows:
 1. Higher ED Emergency Relief Funds III
 - 1,546 student recipients with grants ranging from \$50 - \$4,000
 - \$2,811,637 was the total amount awarded and disbursed
3. An email was sent to all recipients informing them of this award and how eligibility was determined. If a student did not provide affirmative consent to use the funds towards their student account, the business office issued payment directly to the student. Additionally, instructions were provided on how the funds would be made payable to the student's account.

Dear Daniel,

Unfortunately, we are still fighting the COVID-19 pandemic. No doubt, this has continued to cause additional financial strain for you and your family. You may know that on March 11, 2021, Congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

In addition to payments made directly to many Americans, the bill also includes higher education emergency relief funds to assist colleges and college students with costs such as course materials, technology, food, housing, childcare, and transportation incurred due to COVID-19. Union University has received the allocation of funds as part of the CRRSAA: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III). These funds are to be released to students through financial aid grants. The funds are intended to assist students who have experienced a financial hardship from the COVID-19 pandemic. To that end, we are taking applications and will offer HEERF III grants to eligible applicants based on financial need.

Please complete this short [application](#) by August 17, 2021, to be considered for this grant.

We are committed to the health and safety of our community. To learn more about what steps Union has taken in response to COVID-19, visit www.uu.edu/COVID-19. We are praying for you as you begin a new fall semester!

In Him,

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COMPLETE APPLICATION