



Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III) Reporting
Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

On March 11, 2021, the U.S. Department of Education announced additional funding will be available to higher education institutions to ensure learning continues for students during the pandemic. The Culinary Institute of America (CIA) was notified and received funds for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under Section 18002(a)(1) of ARP.

The CIA received \$3,981,156.00 from the Department of Education to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under ARP (HEERF III).

The CIA used the presence of a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine who would qualify for the HEERF III grants based on their Expected Family Contribution (EFC). Priority was given to the neediest students based on EFC.

The total amount of aid awarded for students in the Spring 2022 was \$1,926,135.

The CIA determined students who would qualify for the grants based on the FAFSA Expected Family Contribution (EFC) for undergraduate students who were registered for Spring 2022 and had a valid FAFSA for 2020–2021 at the time of determination. No application was necessary for students to receive this distribution of Emergency Financial Aid Grants under HEERF III. To award the funds the CIA set an EFC maximum of \$25,000 based on the students 2021–2022 FAFSA. Awards ranged from \$970 to \$2,050 based on EFC. A copy of the notice with guidance concerning the HEERF III grants sent to students can be [viewed here](#).

The CIA reserved funding from the total award and provided it as emergency funds to students as situations arose throughout the year. These grants were awarded on a case-by-case basis depending on the emergency circumstances.