



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 number of students who were awarded and received Emergency Financial Aid Grants under HEERF III was 651 for the Fall 2021 totaling \$1,617,600.

The CIA determined students who would qualify for the grants based on the FAFSA Expected Family Contribution (EFC) for returning undergraduate students who were registered for Fall 2021 and had a valid FAFSA for 2020–2021 at the time of determination. No application was necessary for students to receive the initial distribution of Emergency Financial Aid Grants under HEERF III. To award the funds the CIA set an EFC maximum of \$50,000 based on the students 2021–2022 FAFSA. Awards ranged from \$1,000 to \$3,200 based on EFC. A copy of the notice with guidance concerning the HEERF III grants sent to students can be [viewed here](#).

The CIA had reserved funding for students as situations arise throughout the year. Instructions, guidance, and directions will be provided by the Institution to students concerning these grant funds, as well as a description of qualifying levels, will be provided later in the academic year.