

*****NMC UPDATE 06/09/2021—RE: HEERF III COVID-19 Emergency Relief Funds*****

Dear NMC Students—

NMC recognizes that while we are all trying to navigate a return to many of the activities, experiences and routines that have been interrupted by COVID-19, our students continue to face challenges due to COVID-19. NMC has received its allocation of HEERF III COVID-19 Emergency Relief Funds. Please complete the [COVID-19 Student Needs](#) form to be connected with resources you may need during this period including requests for **HEERF III COVID-19 Emergency Funds**. A faculty or staff member may also complete this form on behalf of a student.

What are the HEERF III COVID-19 Emergency Relief Funds?

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) is authorized by the American Rescue Plan, 2021 (ARP), Public Law 117-2, signed into law on March 11, 2021. In total, the APR authorizes \$39.6 billion in support for education, in addition to the \$76.2 billion provided this spring from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) and \$30.75 billion provided in spring 2020 through the CARES Act. Nebraska Methodist College has received approximately \$1,008,383 in student aid from ARP for impacted students.

Eligibility for HEERF III COVID-19 Emergency Relief Funds.

In accordance with the regulations, NMC will make financial aid grants to students, which can be used for any component of the student's cost of attendance, such as **tuition and fees**, or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as **food, housing, health care (including mental health care), or child care**. HEERF III COVID-19 emergency relief funds are available to students enrolled during the spring 2021 semester who incurred unexpected expenses resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. HEERF III requires that institutions **prioritize students with exceptional need**, such as students who receive Pell Grants. HEERF III COVID-19 emergency relief funds also **allow for emergency grants to students exclusively enrolled in distance education**.

Students are encouraged to apply for emergency HEERF III COVID-19 relief funding through the [COVID-19 Student Needs link](#). NMC will review applications for designation of funds. Students please complete the entire application and briefly describe the details of your situation, indicate unexpected expenses due to COVID-19 and report need for funding in expense categories such as food, housing, tuition and fees, course materials, technology, health care, childcare, etc. NMC is also working to identify groups of students who may be eligible for the funds based on exceptional need and contact them via the student's NMC email address for direct distribution of emergency funds.

How will HEERF III COVID-19 Emergency Relief Funds be distributed?

HEERF III COVID-19 Emergency Relief Funds will be distributed from the NMC Business Office directly to students. If the student is set up for direct deposit, the student may have funds deposited into their bank account. If you are not signed up for direct deposit, please contact the NMC Business Office to set up your account for direct deposit.

Please reach out to Lindsay Snipes, VP of Institutional Effectiveness @ Lindsay.Snipes@methodistcollege.edu with further questions regarding availability of HEERF III COVID-19 emergency relief funding.

Take care NMC,

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