

As part of the federal government's American Rescue Plan (ARP), Nebraska Methodist College received supplemental funds designed to assist students in need because of the COVID-19 pandemic. NMC received its American Rescue Plan HEERF III grant award notification automatically, on or about 5/11/2021. NMC agreed to its terms and conditions.

Amount of funding received: Nebraska Methodist College received a total allocation of \$1,981,238 under Section 2003(a)(1) of the American Rescue Plan, which a minimum of \$1,008,383 will be allocated to emergency financial aid grants to students.

Amount of funding distributed to students: The total amount of emergency financial aid grants distributed to students as of December 31, 2021 is \$795,900.

Estimated total number of eligible students at the institution. Nebraska Methodist College had approximately 1200 students eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

Total number of students who have received HEERF III funds: The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant is 495 as of December 31, 2021.

Method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive.

The federal government instructed Nebraska Methodist College to determine eligibility criteria for distribution of emergency financial aid grants and encouraged prioritization of students with the greatest need. NMC created an online application for students to request HEERF III funding. Students were notified through emails, announcements posted on the College's website and via text messages. The institution is highlighting applicants that facing need in areas of medical bills, childcare, technology and food and housing insecurities. The institution also made direct disbursements to students that were unsuccessful in a spring 2021 undergraduate course and those that participate in the PIE loan program as students with greatest need. Award amounts have depended on each student's circumstances and demonstration for greatest need. The amounts for undergraduate and graduate students range from \$1000 – \$6000.

Guidance Provided to Students: Instructions for applying and receiving funds is posted on the NMC's [Covid-19 Resource](#) webpage. Students also received an email with guidance from NMC President on June 9, 2021. Thereafter, students have received emails and/or text messages directing them to the application. The messages provided funding information, eligibility requirements, a link to the [COVID-19 Student Needs](#) application, and information on how funds may be disbursed. Students eligible for the direct disbursement received an email from the NMC Business Office prior to disbursement.

Next Report Due: Next quarterly report is due within 10 days of the close of the 1st Quarter, March 31, 2022.