

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III)

October 10, 2021

Orleans Technical College (OPE ID: 021830) received supplemental COVID-19 relief funds under Section 2003 of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP), Public Law 117-2, signed into law on March 11, 2021. ARP funds are in addition to funds authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Public Law 116-260 and the Coronavirus Aid, Recovery, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136. This Fund Report applies to the student portion received under the Higher Education Emergency Relief III Fund (HEERF III) that is designated exclusively for emergency financial aid grants to students for the quarter ending September 30, 2021.

The institution appreciates that Congress and the President have made these critical funds available for eligible students to address their unmet needs and ensure learning continues during the COVID-19 pandemic. We take receipt of these federal funds seriously and will distribute them in accordance with the ARP and implementing guidance.

The institution is making the below information available for transparency purposes and in compliance with the U.S. Department of Education's ("Department") published guidance. For questions or concerns regarding this Fund Report, please contact **Latanya Byrd, Student Financial Services Director**, at Latanya.Byrd@orleanstech.edu

1. The institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students. The institution received a grant award notification for ARP(a)(1) funds on May 12, 2021. The institution assures that it will use at least half of its allocation under Section 2003(7) of the ARP Act to provide emergency financial aid grants to students.
2. The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department under Section 2003(a)(1) of the ARP Act designated for distribution to as emergency financial aid grants to students is **\$815,910.00**.
3. The total amount of emergency financial aid grants distributed to students under under Section 2003(a)(1) of the ARP Act in this reporting period is **\$197,453.40**.
4. The estimated the total number of students at the institution that were eligible to receive emergency financial aid grants under the ARP(a)(1) program as of the date of this report is 233.¹
5. The total number of students who have received an emergency financial aid grant under Section 2003(a)(1) of the ARP Act in this reporting period is **106**.
6. The methods used by the insitution to determine which students receive emergency financial aid grants and how much they would receive under under the ARP(a)(1) program are provided at **Attachment A-III**
7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the emergency financial aid grants under the ARP(a)(1) program are provided at **Attachment B-III**

[1] See: <https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2021-10190/p-3>

Attachment A-III

- The following logic was used to determine amounts:
 - group is multiplied by the equal distribution dollar amount of \$407,955. This gives three “categories” of funds.

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| EFC 0 | 100% of equal distribution + EFC 1 to 5846 and EFC over 5846 or did not complete FASFA adjustments |
| EFC 1 to 5846 | 95% of equal distribution |
| EFC over 5846 or did not complete FASFA | 85% of equal distribution |

- Each of the three fund categories are then divided by the number of students in each respective group to give a new weighted allocation per student depending on their particular category.
- Half of the total \$815,910 grant amount for student disbursement was used to determine the per student allocation amount based on the above formula for all eligible students at the time of calculation who were active in a Title IV eligible program as of 7/1/2021 plus those who were expected to begin attendance in August 2021.
- A grant was or will be distributed to eligible students who request it by completing a simple application form.
- Students who begin attendance in Title IV eligible programs after August 2021 may also be eligible to apply for an emergency financial grant under the ARP(a)(1) program, if funds are still available.

Attachment B-III

Eligible students were emailed a link to a request form and provided the following instructions:

Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students Under the the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) as the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III)

The U.S. Department of Education has made Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students of Orleans Technical College who have demonstrated need and are facing financial challenges because of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. You may be eligible for the need-based emergency grant which may be used for any component of your cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care. Students determine how they may use their emergency financial aid grant within the allowable uses. The emergency grant requires no repayment.

Optional: If you would like any portion of grant funds you are awarded to be applied directly to your student account towards your balance, please contact Student Financial Services at Orleans Technical College at the following email address: OTIFINANCIALAID@jevs.org. Your decision to do so will have no effect on your eligibility to receive this grant or the amount you will be awarded.

In accordance with the American Rescue Plan, Orleans Technical College will prioritize grants to students with exceptional financial need. The number of students who receive a grant will be determined by the number of students who complete an application.

Please click on the link below to complete and submit the form to request or decline this grant.

[Higher Education Emergency Relief Grant \(HEERF III\) Application](#)

If you have any questions about this email please contact Student Financial Services at Orleans Technical College at the following email address: OTIFINANCIALAID@jevs.org.

Eligible students who submitted a request form were provided the following award notice which included the amount they were awarded:

Dear [Student Name],

Our Review Committee has reviewed your request for an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) and have determined you are eligible to receive \$[Grant Amount] in funding. As a reminder, the ARP Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) was developed to address the pressing financial needs of students due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic with the purpose of providing emergency financial aid grants to students to use exclusively for any component of your cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or childcare.

Sincerely,

Latanya Byrd
Director of Student Financial Services