

ARP Act HEERF II funds  
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Georgetown College signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement to receive HEERF funds. As directed, Georgetown College has used 50% of the total allocation for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students. This was done in two rounds as with HEERF II: in the first round, an initial disbursement was made to all students determined to have the greatest need, but then all undergraduates were given the opportunity to submit a request for additional aid and a final disbursement of \$200,000 will be made based on these applications. As required, here is the initial report. A final quarterly report will be updated next quarter after these disbursements are made.

**Total amount of funds received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the ARP(a)(1) and (a)(4) programs: \$1,332,400**

**Total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the ARP(a)(1) and (a)(4) programs to date: \$1,132,400**

**The estimated total number of students at the institution that are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the ARP(a)(1) and (a)(4) programs: 1,280**

**The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under the ARP(a)(1) and (a)(4) programs: 961**

**The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under the ARP(a)(1) and (a)(4) programs:**

- In keeping with the directive to provide the aid to those most in need, financial aid was provided to full-time undergraduate students. In keeping with new directives, those not eligible to receive a FAFSA were included according to need.
- Most students who were excluded are Graduate Students with much lower costs who have online-only programs that are less affected by the pandemic. We also excluded Dual Enrollment students.
- Understanding that every student has taken on some additional costs this year in covering testing and other new requirements, all eligible students by these criteria received at least \$200, but the amounts went up to \$2,200 for those with greatest need. Aid was divided as follows (note, since aid was also distributed to those without an EFC, in those cases we attempted to determine need for each student, so the EFCs and groups include these students as appropriate):

Groups	EFC range	Allocation per student	Total allocation for group
Pell – 358 students	\$0-\$5,576	\$2,200	\$787,600

Near Pell – 127 students	\$5,577-\$11,999	\$1,200	\$152,400
Mid-range EFC – 243 students	\$12,000-\$29,999	\$600	\$145,800
High EFC or unknown – 233 students	\$30,000 and up	\$200	\$46,600
Total			\$1,132,400

- This initial disbursement held back \$200,000 to give to students with the greatest need that we may not know about (e.g. that is not reflected in their EFC). Students again could fill out an application stating their increased costs or decreased income due to COVID and be considered for this aid. This additional aid will be distributed in the next quarter and reflected on the next report.

**Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants:**

An initial email was sent from President Jones to all students:

Dear Undergraduate Students,

Great news! The college has applied for and been awarded a federal grant through the American Rescue Plan, signed into law by President Biden.

As a part of this grant, I am happy to share with you that undergraduate students as of March 6, 2021 will receive additional financial aid for this academic year just completed (seniors who just graduated will also receive this aid, as long as you were a student at Georgetown on March 6, 2021). This grant's primary focus is to assist students who had the greatest demonstrated financial need this past academic year. The college has created a distribution formula based on your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) on the FAFSA for domestic students and need for international students. Said more simply, the less you and your family could afford to pay this past academic year, the more you will receive. Checks will be mailed to your home address on file with the college. You should receive the check within the next two weeks. If you would like your check mailed to a different address, you must contact Dr. Jonathan Sands Wise, Vice President for Enrollment Management, immediately. You can reach Dr. Sands Wise at [Jonathan\\_SandsWise@georgetowncollege.edu](mailto:Jonathan_SandsWise@georgetowncollege.edu). If you have any questions related to this distribution of student aid, please send them directly to Dr. Sands Wise.

In addition to this aid for the 2020-2021 Academic Year, the college has also received additional dollars for student aid through this American Rescue Plan grant for COVID-related needs. Please monitor your email for a message from Dr. Sands Wise that will provide you details on the application process for this additional aid.

This is the third such grant related to the COVID-19 pandemic the college has applied for and received. We do not expect any additional opportunities like this.

Returning students, if I can help you with anything as you prepare for the fall, please let me know.

Recent graduates, as you navigate your career and calling options, please call on me if I or the college

can be helpful. Let's all pray that this next half of 2021 will be filled with good health and happiness for all of us.

Peace and blessings,

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A follow up email was sent from Alex Lopez to all undergraduate students to alert them to the opportunity to apply for additional aid:

Good afternoon,

As President Jones recently informed you, Georgetown College has again been the beneficiary of additional federal grant money through the Higher Educational Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III). Knowing that many of our students are facing extraordinary difficulties this year, President Jones has directed us to set aside an additional portion of that aid to assist our students.

As we seek to disburse this additional aid, we are reaching out to all undergraduates to provide micro-grants intended to offset some of the unanticipated costs that students and their families may have incurred since March 2020. If you or your family has been negatively financially impacted by the pandemic, please fill out the form at the following link to see if you are eligible for one-time assistance:

[https://my.georgetowncollege.edu/ICS/Forms/Student\\_Forms/CARES\\_Act\\_Grant\\_Request\\_Form.jnz](https://my.georgetowncollege.edu/ICS/Forms/Student_Forms/CARES_Act_Grant_Request_Form.jnz)

We hope to be able to help as many students as possible with this additional money. Again, I encourage you to fill out the Portal form to see if you are eligible for additional assistance. Applications will be reviewed beginning Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, and students who are eligible to receive additional aid will be informed of that aid amount when checks are disbursed later this summer.

Best,

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