

# HEERF III Fund Quarterly Report

Dickinson College

Information as of September 30, 2021

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Dickinson has signed and returned a certification and agreement to participate in the American Rescue Plan's emergency relief funding provided by the Department of Education in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. As part of this agreement, Dickinson will distribute at least 50% of this funding to students via emergency relief grants for a total amount of at least \$1,830,166. These funds became available on 6/4/2021. As of 9/30/2021, Dickinson has provided a total of \$1,830,166 of this funding to 420 students. As Dickinson has fully expended its HEERF III allocation, this will be the final HEERF III quarterly report.

Dickinson estimates 2388 students were potentially eligible to apply for these grants per Department of Education guidance as of June 30, 2020. This number was calculated based on student enrollment in spring of 2021, plus the number of seniors enrolled in spring 2020. However, Dickinson is prioritizing students with demonstrated financial need by requiring all applicants to have an EFC lower than the cost of attendance. This is estimated to be 1,081 students based on EFC data from the 2020-2021 academic year. An additional 442 first year students became eligible for HEERF III funding after they officially matriculated post the College's Fall 2021 add/drop deadline.

The College has determined that a simple application be the main method to determine if students experienced COVID expenses. The eligible amount is determined by either available student documentation (including the student information system, Banner) or standard expenses assigned to each category of cost. Requests for funds outside of these standard practices are reviewed on a case-by-case basis. To prioritize students with significant need, those with an EFC of less than \$10,000 can receive a maximum of \$6,500, while those with greater than a \$10,000 EFC can receive a maximum of \$5,000. A full explanation of the College's guidelines for awarding HEERF III grants can be found in Appendix A

Priority notice of the application availability was given to students enrolled in summer courses, students who were unable to leave campus housing due to the pandemic preventing travel to their home country, and those who were known to have housing and food insecurity. These students received priority over all other applications for one month. Beginning June 7, 2021 announcements were placed in the campus wide newsletter, Dickinson Today for 2 weeks advertising the opportunity. All potentially eligible students who contacted the office of financial aid regarding COVID-19 h1 0 0 1 452.8 206.9 Tm0 g0 G( )TJETQq0.00000912 0 612 792 re6 Tm0 g0 G(s)TJETQq



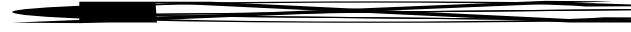
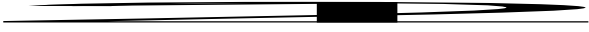








All funds related to the institutional portion of HEERF III were allocated and reported in the June 30, 2021 quarterly report.





This document serves as an official guideline to the distribution of emergency grants through the American Rescue Plan for the student aid portion. This document was developed and implemented in May of 2021 in accordance with guidance received from the Department of Education on May 11, 2021

Dickinson College will receive \$1,830,166 for the purposes of funding emergency grants for students.

HEERF funding requires funds be prioritized to those with the highest financial need. Dickinson has thus far fulfilled this prioritization in HEERF I and II. HEERF I application instructions were provided to Pell recipients and Domestic students who had been in touch with a campus office regarding substantial need due to a change of circumstances related to the pandemic.

HEERF II applications were sent to all FAFSA filers who had a federal EFC lower than the cost of attendance. The funds were then divided among applicants, with Pell grant recipients receiving a 50% higher allocation than non-Pell recipients.

Based on the new final rule on student eligibility released on May 11, 2021, all students, including international and undocumented students, may be considered for HEERF funding. We may consider any student who is or was enrolled on or after March 13, 2020. Funds are expected to be received in June.

Based on the timing

## Priority 2: Reallocation of Eligible Emergency Funds Paid Directly to Students in Spring 2020

Financial Operations has identified a population of domestic students who received aid directly from the college for HEERF eligible expenses, based on their level of need who were not yet reallocated into previous HEERF funding.

There is now cause to go back and examine refunds made to international students who received need-based aid in March of 2020. This unknown amount may also be added to the reallocation based on the final ruling.

Summer internship grants. Students who need funding due to taking unpaid internships receive funds that are eligible as HEERF III grants. Those who meet the need criteria will receive



Dickinson College has received limited federal aid from the third Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III) for the purpose of providing emergency grants to eligible students for economic hardship related to COVID-19.

Funds can be used to assist with tuition, food, housing, course materials, unanticipated travel, technology, health care, personal, child-care expenses and other student-related expenses.

Any student with demonstrated financial need who has incurred hardship due to COVID-19 and is or was enrolled on or after March 13, 2020.

Demonstrated need means the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or International Aid Application must be lower than the calculated cost of attendance.

EFC calculations will be pulled from the 2020-2021 academic year until June 30, 2021. On July 1 and going forward, 2021-2022 academic year calculations will be used until all emergency funds are spent.

The dollar amount awarded to each student will depend on financial need and the types of expenses incurred.

The maximum grant for students with a 10,000 EFC or less is \$6,500 for the HEERF III allocation.

The maximum grant for all other students with an EFC under the cost of attendance is \$5,000 for the HEERF III allocation.

Based on the timing of HEERF III, the following groups will be invited to apply first, and prioritized in the distribution of funds based on this application

- Students with financial need enrolled in summer courses

- International students who are unable to return to their home country and require summer housing.

- Students who are food and/or housing insecure, who have self-identified to AVP of Student Life, Angie Harris

- Students with significant need of emergency funds who have self-identified to their financial aid counselor

All other applications will be reviewed after priority groups have been given one month to apply.

The Department of Education has indicated these funds will be released to schools sometime in June. Dickinson anticipates being able to distribute to approved students within two weeks of receiving the funds.

Students using these grants to cover summer tuition will not be responsible for any late fees due to these pending funds.

For applications submitted after the funds arrive, we anticipate a turnaround time of 3-4 weeks for receiving funds, if eligibility is determined.

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(Yes/No)

Yes/No)

(Yes/no)

- Food
- Housing
- Tuition
- Unanticipated Travel
- Technology/ Course Materials
- Health Care
- Personal Care
- Other

Please provide a brief description and amount of expenses incurred. We may follow up for additional information

Direct via check

Direct Deposit (must be enrolled in direct deposit with Dickinson College)

I'd like to apply the grant to an outstanding balance on my student bill.