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(HEERF III Funding)

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The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III, authorized by the American Rescue Plan, will provide Catholic University with an additional \$3.1 million in federal student financial assistance funding for students who are or were enrolled during the COVID-19 national emergency to ensure continuity of learning. Students new to the university with a start date on or after Summer 2021 are not currently eligible for this funding. Only students who demonstrate exceptional need, such as Pell Grant recipients and undergraduates with extraordinary financial circumstances will be considered a first priority as directed under this federal relief program. These grants are intended to lessen the financial challenges for current students resulting from the continuing financial impact due to COVID -19. This funding is not intended to replace or supplement existing financial aid and does not have to be repaid. This grant is not renewable for future years unless Congress provides additional supplemental funding to address the impact of the pandemic.

We are now accepting applications for HEERF III Relief Funding beginning Monday, August 16. To apply for the emergency grant, click [here](#) to complete the application before the deadline of August 29, 2021. Questions about this application should be directed to us here in the [Office of Student Financial Assistance](#).

Approved applications will have funds placed directly on their student accounts. Students will be given the option of directing the award to pay current educational expenses by applying the funds to their student account to cover any unpaid balance or paid directly to them for indirect costs such as books and supplies, transportation, or personal expenses. To receive the refund quickly, applicants should ensure they have a direct deposit established on their student account. Students can enroll in direct deposit [by following these instructions on the Enrollment Services website](#).

All Catholic University [degree-seeking](#) students who were enrolled prior to Fall 2021 and on/or after Spring 2020 and who are experiencing financial hardships from the coronavirus pandemic are eligible to apply.

[New students beginning in Fall 2021 and non-degree-seeking students are not currently eligible.](#)

There is a deadline of [Sunday, August 29, 2021](#), and there can be no exceptions.

Additional documentation may be requested. Be sure to check your email for updates.

[You must log into your CUA.edu student email in order to access the form below.](#)

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