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The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) was authorized by the American Rescue Plan (ARP), Public Law 117-2, signed into law on March 11, 2021. Saginaw Valley State University has been awarded \$9,980,353 of HEERF III funds to make emergency financial aid grants to students. From this award, the university previously distributed \$542,093 to students enrolled during Summer 2021 and \$3,572,325 to students enrolled during Fall 2021. The emergency financial aid grants currently being made available are for students enrolled in courses for the Fall 2021 semester and are limited to actual need up to a maximum of \$500.

It is important to understand that the emergency financial aid grants are 100% federally funded and are in the **form of grants, not loans**. Students may use the grant funds for any component of cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to the coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, course-related materials, technology, health care (including mental health care) or childcare. Each student can determine how they use their emergency financial aid grant within the allowable uses.

Application Process

You must complete an application to receive the grant. The application should take less than five minutes to complete. You will need to either already be logged in to the SVSU system or you should receive a prompt to log in to complete the application. You may also want to turn off pop up blockers when accessing the application.

The emergency financial aid grant application will remain open through **Monday, December 6, 2021**. Submission of the application does not guarantee you will be awarded an emergency financial aid grant. Applications will be considered in the order received. If you do not meet the eligibility requirements for the grant, a separate email will be sent to you with an explanation.

Please complete the application at the following link to apply for the grant: [HEERF III Emergency Financial Aid Grant Application](#). By submitting the application, you agree that you will use the funds for one or more of the allowable uses.

Payment

If you have not already done so, we encourage you to sign up for direct deposit of student refunds through Self Service to receive funds awarded directly to your bank account on record via ACH. Otherwise, a check will be issued and mailed to the address on record at the time the grant award is processed. Direct deposit will help expedite receipt of funds due to potential delays in mail delivery.

If you have questions, please contact the Campus Financial Services Center at [989-964-4900](tel:989-964-4900) or email at cfsc@svsu.edu.

Sincerely,

Robert Lemuel, Director

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