

Hello Student,

You have been identified as a student at Missouri Southern State University eligible for an emergency student grant due to the COVID-19 global pandemic. You will receive an \$450 grant. This grant will not need to be repaid. This email explains this funding opportunity.

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (“CRRSAA”) was passed by Congress and signed into law on December 27, 2020, to provide additional economic relief from COVID-19. Section 314 of the CRRSAA authorizes the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (“HEERF II”), which provide funds to institutions of higher education, like MSSU, for certain expenses related to the COVID-19 global pandemic and incurred on or after December 27, 2020. Notably, a portion of these funds are intended to be distributed directly to eligible students.

MSSU was approved for \$2,378,137 in financial grants to students, which may be used for any component of the student’s 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 eligible for grants under the HEERF II at MSSU are those who:

- 1) Were enrolled at MSSU as of March 2, 2021,
- 2) Are degree-seeking at MSSU in a certificate, associate, bachelor, or master’s academic program,
- 3) Meet U.S. Citizen or national, permanent resident, or other eligible non-citizen status, and
- 4) Complete a FAFSA for 2020-21 academic year and have a valid Expected Family Contribution (“EFC”).

This grant will be paid to you by the MSSU Bursar via electronic refund or a paper check by mail. We are working on distribution of your funds to occur before our Spring Break.

Please make sure you have a valid bank account setup for electronic refund at: www.mssu.edu/paymybill
Or

Ensure your mailing address is correct with the MSSU Registrar. If you need to update your address, click here. <https://webapps.mssu.edu/FormWizard/FormViewer.aspx?id=131>

If you still owe a balance to MSSU, this grant will not be automatically used to pay down your amount due. You will need to make separate payment arrangements with the MSSU Bursar bursar@mssu.edu 417-625-9381 or online at www.mssu.edu/paymybill .

By accepting the HEERF II grant, you confirm you are eligible to receive these funds as outlined above, and have incurred expenses related to the COVID-19 pandemic. If you have any questions about your eligibility or do not wish to receive HEERF II grant funds, please contact the MSSU Financial Aid office immediately. Finaid@mssu.edu

Finally, you are encouraged to talk with a personal tax professional relating to any questions you may have about the tax treatment of the funds.

Please visit our COVID-19 website under Financial Aid for more detailed information. <https://emergency.mssu.edu/current-students/modifications-to-student-support-areas/>