

Hello Student,

You have been identified as a student of Missouri Southern State University eligible for an emergency student grant due to the COVID-19 global pandemic. If you meet the criteria below, you will receive a grant in the amount of \$45. This grant will not need to be repaid. This email explains this funding opportunity.

If you still owe a balance to MSSU, this grant can be used to pay toward your amount due by completing this form by June 16, 2022: <https://webapps.mssu.edu/FormWizard/FormViewer.aspx?id=1407>

This grant will be paid to you by the MSSU Bursar via electronic refund (the quickest option to receive your funds) or a paper check by mail. We anticipate distribution of your funds to occur on or near June 23, 2022. If you elect to have your funds sent via paper check (or do not set up an electronic refund account), checks will mail the following week.

To receive your funds in the quickest manner, 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>

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) is authorized by the American Rescue Plan (ARP), Public Law 117-2, signed into law on March 11, 2021, providing funds in support to institutions of higher education, like MSSU, to serve students and ensure learning continues during the COVID-19 pandemic.

ARP funds are in addition to funds authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Public Law 116-260 and the Coronavirus Aid, Recovery, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136. Notably, a portion of these funds are intended to be distributed directly to eligible students.

MSSU was approved for \$7,636,833 in financial grants to students under HEERF III, 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. Most of those funds were distributed last fall and spring semester, and the remainder will be distributed on or near June 23, 2022.

Students eligible for the \$45 grant under the HEERF III at MSSU are those who:

- 1) Were enrolled at MSSU as of June 16, 2022 for the Summer 2022 semester, and
- 2) Are degree-seeking at MSSU in a certificate, associate, bachelor, or master's academic program.

By accepting the HEERF III 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 III grant funds, please contact the MSSU Financial Aid office immediately.

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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/>