



NEIU ARP/HEERF III Act Student Emergency Grant Frequently Asked Questions

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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 \$39.6 billion in support to institutions of higher education to serve students and ensure learning continues during the COVID-19 pandemic. NEIU allocation: \$9m student portion, \$11m institutional portion. Below are population selection and eligibility parameters for student portion only.

Q: Am I eligible for HEERF III funding?

A: Student Emergency Grants will be awarded to undocumented and international students who were enrolled at the census dates for spring, 2020, summer, 2020, fall, 2020, and spring, 2021.

A: Student Emergency Grants will be awarded to all degree seeking students (including undocumented and international) who are/were enrolled at the census date for the summer, 2021 (June 4/June 16), fall, 2021 (September 3), and spring, 2022.

Q: Do I need to apply for HEERF III funding?

A: No, students do not need to apply for ARP funding. Eligible students will receive ARP funds through an automated process which does not require an application for semesters spring, 2020 through summer, 2021. Those who have already signed up for direct deposit will receive their grants faster than those who will be mailed checks. Please make sure your mailing address in NEIUport is up to date. (To set up an electronic payment account, please log into NEIUport and access the student tab. Locate the link for "Payment/Refund" and then follow the instructions to create an electronic payment account.)

Q: Can I apply my ARP funds against my University balance instead of receiving a refund?

A: Eligible students for ARP funds during fall, 2021 and spring, 2022 will have the option to apply funds against University balances.

Q: What is the best way for me to receive the HEERF III funding?

A: The best way to receive this funding is via direct deposit. If you do not already have an electronic refund account created please do so by logging into [NEIUport](#), navigating to the Student tab, then find the Payment/Refund link on the left side of the page and follow the prompts.

Q: When will I receive the HEERF III funding?

A: Emergency grants for semesters spring, 2020 through summer, 2021 will be released in the form of refunds through direct deposit or paper check by mid-July.

A: In fall, 2021 enrolled students will have the option applying emergency grants against University balances through early September. By mid-September funds will be released in the form of refunds through direct deposit or paper check.

Q: How much will undocumented and international students receive for semesters spring, 2020 through spring, 2021 in HEERF III funding?

A: Undocumented and international students enrolled spring, 2020, summer, 2020, fall, 2020, and/or spring, 2021 will receive the same amounts per credit hour as other students received during those semesters (they varied by semester). This includes an additional amount for undocumented students who applied for the State alternative application/RISE Act.

Q: How much will I receive in HEERF III funding?

A: Eligible Northeastern students will receive \$52 per credit hour based on the enrollment at the time of fall, 2021 census (September 3, 2021). Pell recipients, RISE Act applicants, and Nest residents will receive an additional \$20 per credit hour.

Q: Will the HEERF III funding be applied to my outstanding balance or possibly to my account balance for a previous term?

A: In fall, 2021 enrolled students will have the option applying emergency grants against University balances through early September.

Q: Will the HEERF III funding impact or change my current financial aid eligibility or reduce my loans that I have already received?

A: No, although the HEERF III funding is in the form of a federal grant it has no impact and is separate from any eligibility currently or scheduled to be received by way of the FAFSA or RISE Act application.

Q: Does it matter whether I am an undergraduate or graduate student?

A: No, both undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in a degree seeking program at the point of the census for summer, 2021 and/or fall, 2021 are eligible for HEERF III funding.

Q: I have not yet been admitted to a degree program. Instead, I am taking classes as a Student At-Large. Do I qualify for HEERF III Funding?

A: No, HEERF III funding is limited to degree seeking enrolled students.