

Actively enrolled students at Midwestern Career College, may be eligible for an emergency financial aid grant as part of the American Rescue Plan's (ARP) Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) program. MCC was awarded **\$232,162** which will be disbursed to students, prioritizing exceptional need.

Emergency financial aid grants may be used by students for any component of their cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or childcare. Students determine how they may use their emergency financial aid grant within the allowable uses.

Unlike previous HEERF programs, "all students who are or were enrolled in an institution of higher education during the COVID-19 national emergency are eligible for emergency financial aid grants from HEERF, regardless of whether they completed a FAFSA or are eligible for Title IV. That includes citizens, permanent residents, F-1 international students, refugees, asylum seekers, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) recipients, other DREAMers, and similar undocumented students."

MCC will prioritize domestic students and those with exceptional need per Department of Education guidance.

MCC will not (1) condition the receipt of emergency financial aid grants to students on continued or future enrollment in the institution, (2) use the emergency financial aid grants to satisfy a student's outstanding account balance, unless it has obtained the student's written (or electronic), affirmative consent, or (3) require such consent as a condition of receipt of or eligibility for the emergency financial aid grant.

Grant amounts will be determined at the time of distribution (late summer/early fall). The amount of each grant will depend on need as determined by EFC as well as the total number of eligible students who complete an Attestation Form.

Midwestern Career College will distribute funds directly to the student via check. MCC will also offer students the option to apply HEERF II emergency financial aid grants to an outstanding balance with MCC.

TO APPLY: Students will be notified via email when the application is open. Instructions will also be posted on MCC's website.

Additional information on the ARP Act can be found at <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/arp.html>.

Students with questions should email care@mccollege.edu