

## Winter 2022 HEERF III Student Emergency Aid Grant Opportunity

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 was awarded HEERF III funds to make emergency financial aid grants to students. We have limited funds remaining. The emergency financial aid grants currently being made available are for students that did not previously receive a HEERF III emergency financial aid grant for Winter 2022 and that are enrolled in courses for the Winter 2022 semester. The grants are limited to actual need up to a maximum of \$375.

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 **Friday, March 4, 2022 or until funds are exhausted if sooner**. Submission of the application does not guarantee you will be awarded an emergency financial aid grant. As noted, we have limited funds available. Applications will be considered in the order received so please apply as soon as possible. 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](mailto:cfsc@svsu.edu).

Sincerely,

Robert Lemuel, Director

Scholarships & Financial Aid