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Dean of Students

## Federal emergency grants for students available — apply by Jan. 31

Dear Students,

Additional Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF) will be available during the Spring 2022 term.

If you were a student enrolled in the Fall 2021 semester and received a HEERF III grant in Fall 2021, as noted on your student account, you do not need to reapply. If you're enrolled in the Spring 2022 term, you will receive consideration based upon your prior application.

If you did not receive a HEERF III grant in the Fall 2021 term, you are encouraged to apply. This grant is meant to help students who have emergency expenses due to COVID-19. These funds are for any component of the <u>cost of attendance</u> or for emergency costs due to COVID-19.

To qualify for a **HEERF** grant, you must:

- Have been enrolled at UWM on or after March 13, 2020 (the declaration date of the national emergency due to COVID-19), and remained enrolled through the census date for that term (usually the 10th day of classes or, for flex degree courses, the 10th day from the start of the subscription period);
- Have incurred emergency expenses related to the cost of attendance or costs that arose due to COVID-19, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care.

If you meet the qualifications for the HEERF grant, all you need to do is complete a short grant application. Please apply only once. HEERF grant amounts will be

determined, in part, by how many applications are received. We want to help as many students as possible.

## Applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31, 2022, to be considered.

You do not need to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to be eligible for HEERF funds, and DACA and international students are encouraged to apply. However, institutions are required to prioritize grants to students demonstrating exceptional financial need, such as students who completed the 2021-22 FAFSA and were determined to be eligible for a federal Pell Grant. **All eligible students are encouraged to complete the 2021-22** FAFSA.

If you or your parents (if you are their dependent) have experienced a loss of employment or reduced income due to COVID-19, and have completed the 2021-22 FAFSA, you may be eligible to have your financial aid package reviewed. Please review the 2021-22 Special Circumstance Form. The Financial Aid Office is experiencing a large volume of appeals, so it is extremely important that all supporting documentation, as outlined on the form, be submitted at the same time.

If you have questions about eligibility or the grant application process, email <a href="mailto:cares-grant@uwm.edu">cares-grant@uwm.edu</a>.

**Apply Now** 



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