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Dean of Students

Emergency grants for students available — apply by Sept. 13

Dear Students,

The federal government has given UWM just over \$25 million of Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) grants through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to help students who have emergency expenses due to COVID-19. These funds are for any component of the [cost of attendance](#) 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.

You do not need to complete a 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 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (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 21-22 FAFSA, you may be eligible to have your financial aid package reviewed. Please review the 21-22 [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 meet the qualifications for the HEERF grant, all you need to do is complete a short [grant application](#). Please apply only once. HEERF grants will be determined in part, by how many applications are received. We want to help as many students as possible.

All applications must be submitted by 8 a.m. Monday, Sept. 13, 2021, to be considered.

If you have questions about eligibility or the grant application process, email caresgrant@uwm.edu.

[Apply Now](#)



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