

Dear Student of Florida Southern College,

Earlier this year, the federal government passed the American Rescue Plan (ARP), which allocated emergency aid to institutions of higher education across our country through the branch of the plan termed the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III). HEERF III represents the third stream of funding appropriated by the federal government to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. Florida Southern College is distributing a federally designated portion of its received funding to students with high financial need or facing extenuating financial circumstances as a result of COVID-19.

The College will distribute the HEERF III funds to students through financial awards that will range from \$600-\$3000 based on individual student need. All current FSC undergraduate students are eligible to be considered for HEERF III funding. However, final decisions on allocation of awards and award amounts will be determined based on each student's financial circumstances, need, and federal allocation guidelines. Undergraduate students who are recipients of Pell grants or who have an estimated family contribution (EFC) of less than \$35,000 will be awarded some level of funding.

To complete the awarding process you must submit the request form located on the student tab financial information page on the portal by October 15th. The form will require you to confirm some basic personal information and to choose whether you wish the funds to be mailed to your permanent home address or applied directly to your student account.

Other undergraduate students facing extreme financial issues directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic may apply for consideration for HEERF funding by contacting the Financial Aid Office at 863-680-4140 (8 to 5 M-F) by October 15, 2021.

The College aims to process all awards so that the funds may either be mailed to your home address by check or applied directly to your student account by the end of October. Notification will be made on the portal when individual award amounts have been determined. We ask that all mailed checks be deposited promptly upon receipt. If mailed checks are not processed promptly, the award may be cancelled and allocated to another student in need.

If you have any further questions about the award selection process, please contact the Financial Aid Office at 863.680.4140. If you have questions about award payments please contact the Student Accounts Office at 863.680.4154 or studentaccts@flsouthern.edu.