From: Financial Aid (IL)

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To: All-IL Students

**Subject:** Special Announcement - HEERF-III Grant Application Information - All Students

Eligible

## Dear Student:

Legislation for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) III, was enacted by the Federal government in the Spring of 2021. Midwestern University has received its portion of the grant funding. Continuing with our focus on student success and well-being at the forefront, we will be making 100% of these funds available for student grants.

The main criteria for the grant is to prioritize grants to students with exceptional financial need. All student grant applications will be assessed and awarded based on student need. All Students are eligible for this grant regardless of receiving a prior HEERF grant or Title IV eligibility.

The HEERF-III grants will be awarded for applications received on or after July 1, 2021. If you have already submitted a HEERF Grant application as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, your application will be processed as a HEERF-III grant. If you have not submitted a HEERF Grant application in July, <u>you are encouraged to submit the HEERF-III application</u>. Duplicate applications will not be processed.

The grant may be used towards:

- · Any component of cost of attendance
- Emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as:
  - Tuition
  - Food
  - Housing
  - health care (including mental health)
  - o child care

For more information about the CARES –HEERF Grant eligibility requirements, please click on the webpage link: <a href="https://www.midwestern.edu/admissions/tuition-and-financial-aid/cares-heerf-grant.xml">https://www.midwestern.edu/admissions/tuition-and-financial-aid/cares-heerf-grant.xml</a>

Students can apply for the CARES-HEERF Grant through their <u>MWUnet</u> student portal as shown below:



Once inside the application select your grant fund usage under section 1, 2 or both. Certify your application and click "Submit". Please allow up to 10 - 15 business days for processing and be sure you have established direct deposit on your student portal to expedite processing. Students without direct deposit must allow for an additional 2 - 3 weeks as a paper check aper check will be mailed to the address on file.

Please contact our office if you have any questions about the HEERF-III Grant application process via email or by phone below.

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