

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”) of 2020 and The American Rescue Plan (ARP) of 2021 require the university to provide timely reporting of compliance with the distribution of the Higher Education Relief Fund (“HEERF III”) to provide emergency financial aid grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus.

- The University of Tennessee Health Science Center acknowledges that the institution signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education the Certification and Agreement and the institution intends to use no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 314(a)(1) of ARP to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
- The total amount of funds that the institution received from the Department pursuant to the institution’s Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students is \$1,256,350.
- The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 314(a)(1) of the ARP as of December 31, 2021 is \$1,256,350, which reflects the entire student portion of the grant.
- The University estimates 3,237 students in the 2021-22 academic year are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section (a)(1) of the ARP.
- As of December 31, 2021, 1,227 students in the 2021-22 academic year have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section (a)(1) of the ARP.
- The University awarded the grants to students prioritizing those with the highest need – all in the Fall semester of the 2021-22 academic year.
  - Students submitted an application defining educational expenses for which grant funds were requested due to the disruption, and were awarded in accordance with the application submitted, in order of need (Pell Grant recipients had priority), application submission date and fund availability.
- Instructions, directions, and guidance were provided by the institution to students concerning the emergency financial aid grants. The following email was sent to all 3,237 students identified for the 2021-2022 academic year on August 3, 2021:



**Dear UTHSC Students,**

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) provides additional funding to the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III) to ensure learning continues for students during the COVID-19 pandemic.

UTHSC has received HEERF III funding and will be distributing grants ranging from \$250 to \$1,500 to eligible students enrolled in the Fall 2021 term. Grant funds can be used for any component of your cost of attendance (i.e., food, housing and utilities, health insurance including mental health care, transportation, or childcare) or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus.

To apply for HEERF III grant funds, go to [Banner Self-Service](#) > **Financial Aid > Surveys > Federal Coronavirus Response Grant Application**. The application will be open from **August 3, 2021 to August 12, 2021**.

*Funding is limited, UTHSC is required to prioritize grants to students with exceptional need, and not all students who apply will receive funds. All responses will be reviewed and award notifications will be sent to UTHSC student email addresses. Applicants not awarded grant funds will also be notified by email to UTHSC email addresses.*

If you are awarded a HEERF III grant, funds will be disbursed to your student account and refunded to you (by direct deposit if set up, or by check if not).

If you have questions, please contact Financial Aid at [onestop@uthsc.edu](mailto:onestop@uthsc.edu) or **901.448.7703**.

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Sincerely,

**Lyndsay Pittman, M.Ed.**

Assistant Vice Chancellor

Enrollment Management

University of Tennessee Health Science Center

- The online application was available to students via the Banner Self-Service student portal: <https://banner.uthsc.edu/>

### Central Authentication Service

NetID:


Password:

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By logging in to this site, you agree to the terms of the UT Acceptable Use Policy.

### Banner Production

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## Financial Aid



### New Student Dental Insurance Available Now!

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#### Eligibility

Financial Aid Holds, Required Documents, Satisfactory Academic Progress

#### Financial Aid Award

Review Current and Previous Financial Aid Award Notifications

#### Important Information to Review

Policies, Rights & Responsibilities, and Staff

#### Surveys

Please review if you have any surveys to complete

#### E-Mail Financial Aid

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### Applications & Waivers

 Once you submit any survey it will no longer show available. However, if you would like to make changes to a recently submitted survey, please email [fao@uthsc.edu](mailto:fao@uthsc.edu).

#### American Rescue Plan Grant Application

- The American Rescue Plan (ARP) provides additional funding to the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III) to ensure learning continues for students during the COVID-19 pandemic. UTHSC invites students enrolled in the Fall 2021 term to apply for funding which can be used for any component of the cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus.

The application will be open from August 3, 2021 to August 12, 2021. Please click on the link above to start your application.

By completing and submitting this application, I certify that all information is accurate to the best of my knowledge and any funds I receive will be used for costs related to my UTHSC education or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus. I also understand funding is limited, UTHSC is required to prioritize grants to students with exceptional need, additional information may be requested, and not all students who apply will receive funds.

All responses will be reviewed and award notifications will be sent to UTHSC student email addresses. Applicants not awarded grant funds will also be notified by email to UTHSC email addresses.

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Survey Name: American Rescue Plan Grant Application

**Question 1: Financial aid grants may be used for any component of your UTHSC cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care. Are you requesting funds for (select all that apply):**

☐ educational costs  
☐ other emergency costs

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**Question 2: Please provide a brief description of coronavirus related needs or costs for which you are requesting funds (select all that apply):**

☐ food or housing  
☐ course materials  
☐ technology  
☐ healthcare or childcare  
☐ other (please specify)

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**Question 3: Financial aid grants must be prioritized to students with exceptional need and funding is limited. Please indicate the amount you are requesting:**

☐ \$250  
☐ \$500  
☐ \$750  
☐ \$1,000  
☐ \$1,500

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