

**Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act  
(CRRSAA)  
Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III)  
Report as of 12/31/2021**

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III) was authorized by the American Rescue Plan (ARP), Public Law 117-2, signed into law on March 11, 2021, provides \$39.6 billion in support to institutions of higher education to serve students and ensure learning continues during the COVID-19 pandemic. Central Christian College of the Bible signed and agreed to the Certification and Agreement provided by the Department of Education (DOE) with the assurance that the institution would use the funds to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students. All of these funds will be used in accordance with the agreement to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

The \$373,376 was made available to the college on May 18, 2021, and the first distribution to students was made on December 3, 2021. Central had 176 students enrolled during the Fall 2021 semester, and 328 that have been enrolled since the beginning of the pandemic. 54 of those students applied for assistance in the first round of applications. All of those student's received assistance. **As of 12/31/2021, \$140,200 had been distributed to 54 students using the criteria below.**

**Distribution Methodology**

1. To be eligible to receive funds, students must either be currently enrolled or have been enrolled in an institution of higher education during the COVID-19 National Emergency. Student's with exceptional need or those that are undergraduates with extraordinary financial circumstances were prioritized.
  
2. Students had to complete an application to request the funds. The application was used to assess their need based upon the following criteria:
  - Pell Grant qualification
  - Other Federal or State aid qualification
  - Job loss or significant reduction of income for student, spouse (if independent), or parent (if dependent)
  - Housing or food insecurity
  - Other extenuating circumstances causing financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - Any other need that a student may have that fits within the prescribed guidelines

3. There will be a base Cost of Living Increase amount of \$1,000 given to all applicants.
4. If a student applicant qualified for Pell or other State or Federal Aid at Central at any point from the SP-20 semester forward, they will receive an additional \$200.
5. Student applicants that could not apply for earlier HEERF Fund Grant money rounds, but had additional expenses from March 13, 2020 forward as a result of COVID, will receive an additional \$1,100. (Additional cost of living)
6. If a student applicant had additional exceptional unexpected expenses or needs, especially concerning loss of job, medical expenses, or food/housing insecurity, those needs will be evaluated on an individual basis by the VP of Business and Finance and amounts awarded accordingly.
7. Students with balances on their Central accounts had the option to apply these funds to their account. CCCB obtained written permission (a completed form) with their signature before applying the funds to their account.
8. Awards were subject to adjustment at the discretion of the Vice-President of Business and Finance as additional needs were assessed.

Central sent a link to the application to the students and notified them about the available funds. The information included what the money could be used for, and how the distribution amounts were being assessed. That notification was sent by email on Thursday, October 28, 2021. The following is the actual notification:

*The American Rescue Act of 2021, combined with the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), and the Coronavirus Response, Relief and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), appropriated monies for Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF I,II, & III). A portion of that money was designated for students in need.*

*Central Christian College of the Bible will be distributing some of the HEERF III funds to its students this year.*

*Students who are or were enrolled in an institution of higher education during the COVID-19 National Emergency are eligible for this grant. Institutions are directed to*

*prioritize students with exceptional need or those that are undergraduates with extraordinary financial circumstances.*

*If you feel you may qualify for a portion of the HEERF III funds, please fill out the application below and submit it for review.*

**Please Note: All distributed funds must be used by students to cover expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus, including eligible expenses under the student's cost of attendance. This includes things like food, housing transportation, course materials, technology, healthcare (including mental health), and childcare. In addition, students who would like the funds to be used to take care of campus based educational or living costs can give permission to the college to apply the funds to their account.**