

The College of Wooster
Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Reporting – Emergency Financial Aid Grants to
Students Report #10 (09/30/21)

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) is authorized by Section 2003 of the American Rescue Plan Act, 2021 (ARP), Public Law 117-2. The ARP/HEERF III program provides emergency relief funds to organizations and individuals affected by the coronavirus pandemic. For institutions of higher education, funding is provided “to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.” This report provides details on the third award The College of Wooster received under the HEERF, the funds for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Award No. P425E203012 – 20B.

Certification and Agreement

The College of Wooster signed and returned the Certification and Agreement from the U.S. Department of Education and received the grant award notification on May 13, 2021.

Award

The College of Wooster has received a total of \$3,669,246.00 under Section 2003 of the ARP from the Department of Education. Pursuant to the College’s Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students, \$1,834,623.00 will be distributed directly to students impacted by campus disruptions due to the novel coronavirus.

Funds Distributed

As of the close of business on September 30, 2021, The College of Wooster has distributed \$601,272.00 to students in Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section 2003 of the ARP.

Student Eligibility

The estimated total number of students at The College of Wooster eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 2003 of the ARP is 1550. As of September 30, 2021, 224 students have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 2003 of the ARP.

Methods Used to Determine Which Students Receive Aid and How Much

All enrolled students are eligible to apply for assistance. Students are able to apply using the College's Emergency Aid Request Form, available in the Dean of Students' Office. Once an application is received, the Emergency Aid Review Committee reviews each request individually and will be in touch with students. Students are able to indicate on the application form how they would like the funds disbursed, either applied to their student account to support their tuition charges or sent directly to them.

Instructions or Directions Given to Students

Students awarded funding were sent an e-mail notifying them of their award and a confirmation of how the funds will be disbursed to them, as indicated on their original application. The options were to have the funding sent directly to the student, have the funding applied to their student account, or have the funding split between these two options.

If a student reached out with financial concerns, they were directed to complete the request for emergency funding through the Dean of Students Office. If awarded, they received the same e-mail notification as above.

Copies of the instructional/informational materials given to the students include the following:

1. Online survey accessed from the Dean of Students' webpage,
2. E-mail from the Director of Financial Aid approving student requests, and
3. The College of Wooster ARP Informational Page.