



Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds III (HEERF III) created under the American Rescue Plan (ARP).

Culinary Tech Center has applied for Proprietary Institution Grant Funds for Students. Financial aid grants for students may be used for any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or childcare. Guidelines require that institutions prioritize students with exceptional need, such as students who receive Pell Grants, in awarding financial aid grants to students. However, students do not need to be Pell recipients or students who are eligible for Pell grants.

Eligible students must meet the following criteria:

1. Students who have not received grant funding in prior rounds will be given priority over students who have received funding in rounds 1 and 2. If by October 1, 2021 there are funds remaining, the school will begin to consider students who meet all other criteria but have received prior round funding.
2. The school has determined that it will prioritize students who are PELL eligible in order to fit the criteria of exceptional need. Beyond that the school will consider students who have a remaining need after all other forms of financial aid have been applied. Students who do not qualify for any federal financial aid can also demonstrate exceptional need on a case by case basis.

The funds shall be disbursed in the following manner:

3. The grant funds will be disbursed to each enrolled student who fits the criteria for exceptional need including students who are on a Leave of Absence.
4. Existing students will be notified on a one-on-one basis by the Financial Aid department via phone and/or email.
5. For future enrolled students who meet the criteria, each must meet with Financial Aid to be notified of the of the grant funds.
6. The total amount of grant funds received by the school is \$76,556. Each current or future student who meets the criteria will receive a grant award of \$250.00 in the form of a check delivered in person to the student.
7. Students who demonstrate further need will be treated on a case by case basis.
8. The maximum additional grant award after the initial \$250 award amount any student can qualify for is \$5,750.
9. Eligible students must complete the required Authorization Form for Grant Funds. Once the school receives the Authorization Form for Grant Funds, the funds will be disbursed by check or will be posted to the student's account.
10. Student disbursements will be tracked using the HEERF III Grant template.
11. A copy of the Authorization Form for Grant Funds will be maintained in the financial aid office in a specific HEERF II file. The check number corresponding to the check issued to the student will be listed on their form.