



The U.S. Department of Education provided \$39.6 billion through the American Relief Plan (ARP) Act. One aspect of the ARP Act has been allocated \$244,362 to provide some additional relief from the economic fallout

related to the COVID-19 pandemic by providing financial aid grants to students. These funds are intended to help with any component of a student's cost of attendance such as tuition, food, housing, course materials, technology, healthcare, and childcare. Our allocation was determined by the U.S. Department of Education based on the number of Pell Grant-eligible and non-Pell Grant students enrolled at USV. Given the weighting, Congress clearly intends the funds to go to students with the most financial need as determined by the U.S. Department of Education. Does it matter how many credits are taking in Summer 2021?

Yes. HEERF III grant award amounts for students who are attending less than full-time will be lower than the amount for students attending full-time.

Enrollment status is classified as:

- Full-Time: Undergraduates – 12 or more credits / Graduate – 6 or more credits
- 3/4 Time: Undergraduates – 9 to 11 credits / Graduates – 4 to 5 credits
- Half-Time: Undergraduates – 6 to 8 credits / Graduates – 3 credits
- Less Than Half-Time: Undergraduates – less than 6 credits / Graduates – less than 3 credits

While eligibility is based on the 2020/2021 or 2021/2022 FAFSA® calculation formula, students who have not completed the FAFSA® may be eligible to receive a grant. It is important to reiterate that our allocation was based on the 2020/2021 FAFSA® calculation formula. Students with a lower financial need will receive the lowest amount.



The chart below outlines the amounts for how the funds will be distributed to all eligible students:

	Full-Time	3/4 Time	Half-Time	Less Than Half-Time	
Pell Eligible (FAFSA®)	\$754.00	\$656.00	\$558.00	\$459.00	198
Not Pell Eligible (FAFSA®)	\$566.00	\$492.00	\$418.00	\$345.00	176
No FAFSA®	\$377.00	\$327.00	\$279.00	\$230.00	49

USV created a simple online form to be completed by students who are eligible to apply for HEERF III grant funding. The link to the online form will be sent to eligible students via their university email address to be completed and submitted.

USV will begin the review and approval process the week of August 2nd. We anticipate the review and approval of applications may take approximately 5 business days. Students will receive an email notification when the disbursement of funds is processed.

HEERF III grant funds will be paid directly to students via a check mailed to the address listed on the request form. Therefore, it is imperative the students include their current address on the application for where the