

**American Rescue Plan (ARP)  
Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III)  
Student Financial Aid Reporting  
University of Wisconsin Oshkosh**

**Reporting Period: July 1 – September 30, 2021**

**Post Deadline: October 10, 2021**

Overview: In April, 2020, the University Wisconsin Oshkosh (UWO) signed and submitted to the U.S. Department of Education (ED) the Certification and Agreement form and the assurance that the institution has used, or intends to use, no less than the required amount of funds received to provide Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) grants to students.

UWO received two supplemental Grant Award Notifications (GAN) from ED on Monday, May 24, 2021. UWO is committed to award the supplemental award amount of \$10,481,374.00 in Emergency Grants to eligible students (Award #P425E200162). UWO also received a supplemental award of \$10,377,286.00 for the Institutional portion that is reported separately.

Emergency Student Aid funds under ARP were awarded in May 2021 for the summer 2021 term. Plans are well underway to award funds during the fall 2021, and spring 2022 semesters. The official student headcount for these semesters is undetermined at this time. The estimated number of students who will be eligible to receive HEERF III funds will continue to fluctuate as enrollment changes continue for these semesters. Under [Federal Register Document number 2020-19041](#), the Department of Education provides the following seven reporting criteria for Student Aid quarterly reports. Institutional recipient responses to each reporting criteria are provided below:

(1) An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used, or intends to use, no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

***UWO Response:*** UW Oshkosh Authorized Organizational Representative (AOR) signed the original Certification and Agreement in April 2020, certifying that the institution intends to use no less than 50% of funds received under the CARES act for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

(2) The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

***UWO Response:*** As of May 24, 2021, UW Oshkosh has received the following funds to support Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students:

CARES, HEERF I, 4/20/2020: \$3,103,881

CRRSAA HEERF II, 1/18/2021: \$3,103,881

ARP, HEERF III, 5/24/2021: \$10,481,374

Total: \$16,689,136

(3) The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the initial report and every calendar quarter thereafter).

***UWO Response:*** The total amount of Emergency funding awarded to date is \$7,508,912.00. Specifically for the summer term and the third quarter, the amount awarded was \$1,301,150.00.

(4) The estimated total number of students at the institution 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 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.[1]

***UWO Response:*** A total of 2,189 students were eligible to receive the HEERF III funding for the summer term. This represented all students who were eligible for the funding during this period.

(5) The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

***UWO Response:*** A total of 8,463 students have received HEERF funding to date. For the summer term, there were 2,189 students who received the HEERF funding.

(6) The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

***UWO Response:*** For the summer term, we looked at students with exceptional need as determined by the results of filing the FAFSA. We established tiers of eligibility based on EFC ranges. The students who demonstrated a greater need were given larger amounts of funding. Those who didn't file the FAFSA were assisted with HEERF funding as well.

(7) Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

***UWO Response:*** For the summer term, students didn't have to do anything to receive the HEERF funding. Our plan was to award all students who were enrolled for the

summer term. After we awarded the funding, we emailed students to inform them that the assistance was available for their education-related expenses.