

# Shepherd University Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III) Student Portion

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*Quarterly Reporting – September 30, 2021*

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The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF), found in Section 2003 of the ARP Act (HEERF III), continues to provide funding to institutions of higher education “to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.” This report provides details that Shepherd University received under HEERF III, the funds for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Award No. P425E200948.

## **CERTIFICATION**

Shepherd University signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement on April 13, 2020 and assures that these funds have been used or will be used to provide HEERF grants to students. This original certification is still being used for the third round of HEERF funding.

## **AWARD**

Shepherd University received a total amount of \$4,051,856 from the Department of Education pursuant to Section 2003 ARP Act.

## **FUNDS DISTRIBUTED**

As of September 30, 2021, Shepherd University has distributed \$4,279, of the HEERF III grant funds.

## **STUDENT ELIGIBILITY**

Shepherd University has an estimate of 30 students potentially eligible to participate in programs. As of September 30, 2021, Shepherd has distributed Emergency Financial Aid Grants to 8 students under Section 2003 of the ARPA.

## **DETERMINING STUDENTS ELIGIBILITY**

### **HEERF III - ARPA**

1. Tiers representing students receiving PELL and EFC levels for Summer term 2021 are used to determine how much of an award a student received. Below are the tiers.
  - a. Tier 1 all PELL recipients regardless of EFC received \$1,000 award.
  - b. Tier 2 all non-PELL students with a 0 EFC received \$1,000 award.
  - c. Tier 3 all non-PELL students with a 1 – 5711 EFC (Pell Grant ceiling) received \$750 award.
  - d. Tier 4 all non-PELL students with a 5,712 – 11,000 EFC (WV Higher Education Grant ceiling) received \$750 award.
  - e. Tier 5 all non-PELL students with an 11,001 – 33,224 EFC (maximum Cost of Attendance) received \$500 award.
2. The above tiers were used to capture any remaining qualifying students from the Summer term 2021 that did not received funding due to the CRRSAA funds being exhausted.

### **INSTRUCTIONS/DIRECTIONS GIVEN TO STUDENTS**

Students enrolled summer 2021 were not required to take action to receive HEERF III funds. As of data captured on 09/30/2021, all enrolled students with a valid EFC produced by the 2020-2021 FAFSA were considered in the tiered awarding plan described above.