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Dear Student:

As you may have read, there is a third relief fund that the American Rescue Plan Act has provided. Therefore, additional direct student aid through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund or HEERF III is available. All colleges and universities were awarded aid based on a complex formula developed by the Education Department.

Criteria of Aid:

The criteria for the third round of aid is like the prior HEERF II awards. According to the Education Department, for the HEERF III awards “institutions are required to prioritize grants to students with **exceptional financial need**, such as those who receive Pell Grants”. *Please note that the Education Departments definition of “exceptional financial need” are students that receive Pell Grants, not student who have a large balance due.*

Emmaus determination of recipients:

By using data from your FAFSA submission, we were able to determine your level of aid. The other determination used is that the student needs to be taking 9 credits or more.

To identify the students with “**exceptional financial need**”, the administration has decided to provide this aid to students in the following six categories:

- 1) Receive Pell Grants: Resident on campus
- 2) Receive Pell Grants: Non-resident
- 3) Has an Expected Family Contribution less than the Emmaus cost of attendance: Resident
- 4) Has an Expected Family Contribution less than the Emmaus cost of attendance: Non-Resident
- 5) Has an Expected Family Contribution greater than the Emmaus cost of attendance: Resident
- 6) Has an Expected Family Contribution greater than the Emmaus cost of attendance: Non-Resident

The categories are ordered with group 1 receiving the most aid, with each following group receiving slightly less than the group listed above it.

Student Use of these Funds:

According to the Education Department, these funds may be used for “any component of their cost of attendance, and costs such as; tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental), and child care.” For example, you can use this money to reimburse yourself for any travel expenses incurred, **pay your student accounts balance**, save for next semester tuition payments, or some other use.

Please note, for students who have provided a FERPA waiver, we are also contacting your designee with the same information and the dollar amount you will receive.

Blessing,
The Emmaus Administration