The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act") of 2020 and the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) of 2021 require the university to provide timely reporting of compliance with the distribution of the Higher Education Relief Fund ("HEERF II") to provide emergency financial aid grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus.

- The University of Tennessee Health Science Center acknowledges that the institution signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education the Certification and Agreement and the institution intends to use no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 314(a)(1) of CRRSAA to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
- The total amount of funds that the institution will receive from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students is \$499,039.
- The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSA Act as of March 31, 2021 is \$499,039, which reflects the entire student portion of the grant.
- The University estimates 3,187 students in the 2020-21 academic year are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSA Act.
- As of March 31, 2021, 675 students in the 2020-21 academic year have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSA Act.
- The University awarded the grants to students prioritizing those with the highest need all in the Spring semester of the 2020-21 academic year.
  - Students submitted an application defining educational expenses for which grant funds were requested due to the disruption, and were awarded in accordance with the application submitted, in order of need (Pell Grant recipients had priority), application submission date and fund availability.
- Instructions, directions, and guidance were provided by the institution to students concerning the emergency financial aid grants. The following email was sent to all 3,187 students identified for the 2020-2021 academic year on March 1, 2021:

# Dear UTHSC Students,

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRSSA) provides additional funding to the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF II) to ensure learning continues for students during the COVID-19 pandemic.

UTHSC has received HEERF II funding and will be distributing grants ranging from \$250 to \$1,000 to eligible students enrolled in the Spring 2021 term. Grant funds can be used for any component of your cost of attendance (i.e., food, housing and utilities, health insurance including mental health care, transportation, or childcare) or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus.

To apply for HEERF II grant funds, go to <u>Banner Self-Service</u> > Financial Aid > Surveys > Federal Coronavirus Response Grant Application. The application will be open from March 1, 2021 to March 10, 2021.

Funding is limited, UTHSC is required to prioritize grants to students with exceptional need, and not all students who will apply will receive funds. All responses will be reviewed and award notifications will be sent to UTHSC student email addresses. Applicants not awarded grant funds will also be notified by email to UTHSC email addresses.

If you are awarded a HEERF II grant, funds will be disbursed to your student account and either refunded to you (by direct deposit if set up, or by check if not), or applied to your outstanding balance if you indicate the grant funds should be used for this purpose in your application.

If you have questions, please contact Financial Aid at <u>onestop@uthsc.edu</u> or **901.448.7703**.

Sincerely, **Lyndsay Pittman, M.Ed.** Assistant Vice Chancellor Enrollment Management University of Tennessee Health Science Center • The online application was available to students via the Banner Self-Service student portal: <u>https://banner.uthsc.edu/</u>

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# Financial Aid



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## Applications & Waivers

Once you submit any survey it will no longer show available. However, if you would like to make changes to a recently submitted survey, please email fao@uthsc.edu.

#### Federal Coronavirus Response Grant Application

• The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRSSA) provides additional funding to the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF II) to ensure learning continues for students during the COVID-19 pandemic.

UTHSC invites students enrolled in the Spring 2021 term to apply for funding which can be used for any component of the cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus.

The application will be open from March 1, 2021 to March 10, 2021. Please click on the link above to start your application.

By completing and submitting this application, I certify that all information is accurate to the best of my knowledge and any funds I receive will be used for costs related to my UTHSC education or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus. I also understand funding is limited, UTHSC is required to prioritize grants to students with exceptional need, additional information may be requested, and not all students who apply will receive funds.

All responses will be reviewed and award notifications will be sent to UTHSC student email addresses. Applicants not awarded grant funds will also be notified by email to UTHSC email addresses.

#### Survey Questions

# Answer the survey questions.

Survey Name: Federal Coronavirus Response Grant Application

Question 1: Financial aid grants may be used for any component of your UTHSC cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care. Are you requesting funds for (select all that apply):

educational costs □ other emergency costs

Next Question Finish Later Survey Complete Remove Survey from List

Choosing Next Question displays the next question. Selecting Finish Later saves your answers and takes you out of the survey. You can finish the survey later, even returning to questions you have skipped. Choosing Survey Complete submits a completed survey. Selecting Remove Survey from List eliminates viewing that survey. Any answers you have given will not be saved.

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Question 2: Financial aid grants are available for needs or costs incurred after December 27, 2020. Please provide a brief description of coronavirus related needs or costs for which you are requesting funds (select all that apply):

☐ food or housing ☐ course materials ☐ technology ☐ healthcare or childcare ☐ other (please specify)

2000 characters remaining

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Question 3: Financial aid grants must be prioritized to students with exceptional need and funding is limited. Please indicate the amount you are requesting:

○\$250 O\$500 \$750 Oother (please enter below, \$1,000 max)

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Question 4: Would you like to have financial aid grant funds applied to your student bill or sent directly to you (by direct deposit or check)?

O Please apply funds to my UTHSC student bill.

O Please send funds directly to me.

Return to Beginning of Survey Finish Later Survey Complete Remove Survey from List