

Illinois Central College

Frequently Asked Questions about the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III) Grants to Students under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021

The ARP Act provides emergency financial aid grants to students for emergency costs related to coronavirus or any component of your cost of attendance, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care. The questions below address funding through the ARP Act.

1) How do I know whether I am a recipient of ARP Act funding administered by ICC?

Students are to check their ICC LAB and HOME email accounts, as notifications were sent to those selected to receive emergency financial grants.

2) I received an email stating I was selected to receive funding through the ARP Act. How can I find out the amount of funding I will receive?

Awarded students may view their grant amounts in their MyICC account.

3) How will I receive my emergency financial grant through the ARP Act?

Students with an eRefund account will see the funds in their checking/savings account within 1-3 business days after processing. Students without an eRefund account will have a check mailed out to them.

4) I have an outstanding balance at ICC; will I receive funding if I am eligible?

Guidelines for HEERF III allow ICC to use emergency financial grants awarded through the ARP Act to satisfy a student's outstanding account balance with a student's electronic consent. Students with an outstanding balance, were asked to reply to the email notification with their choice of the following options:

Option 1 Credit my institutional account and apply the award to my balance owed.
(I will receive a refund for any remaining credit balance.)

Option 2 Issue full award amount directly to me.
(I am responsible for taking care of my outstanding account balance.)

5) Do I have to repay the government or ICC for funding I receive through the ARP Act?

No. Emergency financial grants awarded through the ARP Act do not require repayment.

6) How can I apply for an ICC emergency financial grant through the ARP Act?

ICC has fully expended the amount allocated for the summer term through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF III) Financial Grants to Students under the ARP Act 2021.

If you have a need, please contact the ICC Educational Foundation at Foundation@icc.edu. The ICC Education Foundation will assist as they are able.

7) What are the federal requirements to be eligible for an emergency financial grant through the ARP Act?

The eligibility for students is determined by the education institution. Students must be or have been enrolled at some point during the summer 2021 term at ICC. Students were awarded based upon need using ICC cost of attendance and a sliding scale referencing official EFC status and enrollment level.