



**American Rescue Plan Act
Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III
Quarterly Report – Student Portion (ALN 84.425E)
June 30, 2021**

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARP), signed into law in March 2021, provides additional assistance to institutions of higher education via the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III). As a prior grantee of HEERF II under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, Berry College received a HEERF III supplemental award from the U.S. Department of Education under the ARP in May 2021.

At least half of Berry College’s HEERF III allocation must be used to make emergency financial aid grants to students (Student Aid Portion). The remainder may be used for institutional purposes. The **Student Aid Portion available via the HEERF III supplemental award is \$2,049,855.**

The reporting status of the Student Aid Portions of HEERF I and II and the expenditure status of the Student Aid Portion of HEERF III as of this report’s date is as follows.

- In the last months, Berry College distributed the full HEERF I and II Student Aid Portion allocations. The college submitted the corresponding HEERF I and II quarterly and final reports as mandated by the U.S. Department of Education.
- At the time of this report, Berry College has not yet drawn down or distributed funds corresponding to the Student Aid Portion of HEERF III.

Under the ARP, students who are or were enrolled at Berry College on or after the COVID-19 national emergency are eligible for HEERF III Grants. Institutions must **prioritize funding to students with exceptional need** (such as Pell Grant and other federal or state need-based aid recipients) or undergraduate students with **extraordinary financial circumstances**. Beyond these categories, institutions may include students who have faced significant unexpected expenses caused by circumstances such as the loss of employment, reduced income, or food or housing insecurity. Berry College considers students with financial need and substantial aggregate student debt as having exceptional need and/or extraordinary financial circumstances.

In order to prioritize HEERF III Grants to domestic undergraduate students with exceptional need or extraordinary financial circumstances, the college is preparing a **HEERF III Grant application process for students**.

Berry College will facilitate and communicate the HEERF III Grant application process to students as soon as it is ready in the next few days.