

# American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds III (HEERF III)- Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

**December 30, 2021**

Moberly Area Community College (MACC) is pleased to announce our continued partnership with the U. S. Department of Education (USDOE) in the delivery of Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF III), created under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP).

MACC was awarded \$4,729,765 from the USDOE pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students. MACC signed and returned to the Certification and Agreement to the U. S. Department of Education with the assurance that the institution will use the funds to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

MACC plans to disburse ARP HEERF III Emergency Grants to degree-seeking students during the 2021-2022 academic year; therefore, MACC began distributing Grants under section (a)(1) of the ARP Act on June 1, 2021 to students enrolled in summer 2021 in programs classified with an alternate calendar in 2021-2022 academic year.

According to the ARP guidelines, MACC estimates there will be approximately 4,000 students enrolled at MACC during the 2021-2022 academic year (which includes summer 2021, fall 2021, and spring 2022 semesters), who may be eligible to receive Emergency Grants to Students. Of the anticipated 4,000 students, MACC will prioritize these grants for degree-seeking students; therefore, based on MACC's selection criteria, we project approximately 4,000 students will be eligible.

MACC will distribute the ARP Act Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students as described below:

## Automatic Grants

### Part A.

Guidance from the U.S. Department of Education directed schools to prioritize students who demonstrate the greatest need, which generally translates to students who qualify for the Federal Pell Grant program. As a result, the ARP Act HEERF III funds will be allocated to all Pell-eligible students in the following manner:

Criteria:

- 2021-2022 FAFSA received with an Expected Family Contribution of \$5,846 or below;
- Seeking a degree or certificate at MACC

Verified enrollment as of September 22, 2021.	1-5 hours	6-8 hours	9-11 hours	12 + hours
Award amounts are subject to change based on available funding.	\$ 500.00	\$750.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,250.00

### Part B

All other degree (or certificate) seeking students, with verified enrollment on a designated census date each semester, will receive an automatic grant of \$500.

All award amounts will be based on FAFSA status and enrollment status on the designated census date each semester. There will be no adjustments made after the designated census date each semester. This includes no adjustment for late FAFSA submission and no adjustment for schedule changes (adds or drops) after that date.

As of June 30, 2021, MACC awarded \$15,400 to 29 students who were adversely impacted by COVID-19.

As of September 28, 2021: MACC had distributed \$102,700 to 98 students who have been adversely impacted by COVID-19.

**UPDATE: December 9, 2021: MACC has distributed \$2,471,500 to 3,177 students who have been adversely impacted by COVID-19.**

In order to help students understand the ARP Act Emergency Grants and how to apply at MACC, a list of Frequently Asked Questions was developed shared, and with all students, faculty and staff within the MACC community. The contents of this document can be found at the following link: <https://www.macc.edu/federal-emergency-grants-for-students-faq>