

CARES Act Higher Education Relief Fund

Through the Federal CARES Act, NMMI is proud to be able to do our part to support our students during the COVID19 pandemic.

In March 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 was signed, creating the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III), which allocates emergency relief funding for eligible college students across the country to address pressing needs of students due to the disruption of campus operations. NMMI is eligible to receive \$534,661 of which at least 50% will be awarded to our eligible student population.

If you are an NMMI student eligible to apply for federal financial aid and if NMMI's modified operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic has negatively impacted your personal financial situation you may be eligible. Although the money is funded by the federal government, individual colleges have been charged with managing the application, approval process, and distribution of funds.

Instructions and an application have been sent to 360 cadets we believe to be eligible. The application must be submitted for review. If you believe you are eligible and did not receive the email notification please immediately contact the Financial Aid Office at financialaid@nmml.edu.

Eligibility Requirements

Similar to the HEERF II funds, the HEERF III funds include no student eligibility requirements.

Institutions are required to prioritize grants to students with exceptional financial need, such as those who receive Pell Grants.

Eligible students include citizens, permanent residents, international students, refugees, asylum seekers, DACA recipients, other DREAMers, and similar undocumented students.

About the Fund

Award amounts will be assessed based on 2021-2022 Federal Pell Grant award results.

- Pell awardees - \$1,500
- Non-Pell awardees - \$1,000

To have the best opportunity to receive this funding, please apply immediately. We will continue awarding CARES Act funding at least until the 50% required allotment has been depleted.

Funds will be awarded by paper check mailed to the student applicant only.

AS of 12/16/2021 197 cadets have been awarded \$233,000 in CARES Act funding.

As of 1/28/22 17 cadets have been awarded \$17,000 in CARES Act funding.

As of 2/17/22 104 cadets have been awarded \$119,500 in CARES Act funding.

As of 3/25/22 13 cadets have been awarded \$15,500 in CARES Act funding.

As of 4/8/22 331 cadets have been awarded \$149,661 in CARES Act funding.

(106 Pell and 225 Non Pell)

FINAL UPDATE 4/8/2022:

331 CADETS HAVE BEEN AWARDED \$534,661.

The amounts were \$1,000 for non-Pell recipients and \$1,500 for Pell recipients. A supplemental release for \$455 to 275 cadets and \$456 to 56 cadets was done for the remaining funds after all cadets were contacted multiple times.

Of the 360 qualified cadets: 331 were awarded, 3 answered "no need" and the remainder did not respond.

New Mexico Military Institute has expended the total institutional portion of the HEERF III distribution in the amount of \$534,661.