



# Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III)

## *The American Rescue Plan*

Signed into law on March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan (ARP) includes aid to assist higher education institutions in responding to COVID-19. HEERF III includes aid to students and institutions.

Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics was given \$895,610 to be used specifically for emergency financial aid grants to be awarded to our students. PIA is required to prioritize students with exceptional need\*. The grant amounts will be determined by the number of eligible applicants who have submitted the application by the deadline. Eligible students with exceptional need will receive additional grant funds.

Some highlights of the emergency financial aid grants are listed below.

- The grant doesn't need to be repaid.
- The grant will not affect your financial aid.
- The grant may be used for any component of your cost of attendance (tuition, food, housing, health care, mental health care and childcare).
- With your authorization, the grant can be applied to your outstanding tuition balance.
- HEERF III doesn't require submission of the FAFSA.

To be eligible, a PIA student must:

- Answer all questions on the application
- Submit the application by the deadline of November 1, 2021
- Be enrolled at PIA on or after March 13, 2020

A student does not need to be Title IV eligible to receive the grant. Undocumented and international students may receive HEERF III grants (refugees, asylum seekers Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) recipients, and DREAMers. International students who are under contract with a third party or who are employees of a company paying their tuition and living expenses aren't eligible.

\*Students with exceptional need are students who receive the PELL grant and also those students who are DACA, DREAMers, refugees or asylum seekers that cannot apply for the FAFSA.

If you have any concerns or questions, please email [financialaid@pia.edu](mailto:financialaid@pia.edu) or contact the financial aid department. **The application must be completed and returned by November 1, 2021.**



# PIA HEERF III Application



Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Were you enrolled at PIA on or after March 13, 2020?      YES       NO

Did you complete a FAFSA for 2020-2021?      YES       NO

Did you complete a FAFSA for 2021-2022?      YES       NO

If awarded a HEERF III student financial aid grant, you have the option to receive a check or apply the grant directly to your tuition account for tuition charges for the Fall 2021 term. If you opt for the funds to be applied to your account and you don't have a balance due, you will receive a check. Please select from the following options.

I choose to receive my grant via check.

I choose to apply the grant directly to my PIA tuition account balance.  
(If you do not have a balance due, you will receive a check)

By signing below, you, the applicant, consent to the grant disbursement selected above.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below, you, the applicant, certify that you have eligible expenses from any component of your cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or childcare and that the grant will be used for these expenses.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_