

## SOUTHWEST MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE

# HEERF HIGHER EDUCATION EMERGENCY RELIEF FUNDS

July 15, 2022

Financial aid grants were issued to eligible students enrolled at Southwest Mississippi Community College (SMCC) during the Summer 2022 semesters, from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF III) - Student portion. The payment is a financial aid grant and does not have to be paid back. **Students that need to pay any outstanding SMCC account balance or to register for SMCC classes can use the funds from this HEERF III check. Please keep in mind, students with outstanding SMCC account balances cannot register for future classes or receive a transcript.**

SMCC prioritized eligible students with exceptional need, such as students who receive Pell grants. The College awarded HEERF III financial aid grants for the Summer 2022 semesters to eligible students in the following manner:

- Students taking a total of 5 hours or less combined in all summer semesters received \$325
- Students taking a total of 6 hours or more combined in all summer semesters and are NOT Pell eligible received \$500
- Students taking a total of 6 hours or more combined in all summer semesters and are Pell eligible received \$750
- Dual credit, dual enrollment and MI-BEST students are not eligible
- Payments in the form of a check were mailed to the eligible student's address on file

The American Rescue Plan (ARP), Public Law 117-2, signed into law on March 11, 2021, authorized the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III. The ARP gave support to institutions of higher education to serve students, ensure learning continues during the COVID-19 pandemic, and to assist eligible students with expenses related to educational disruption due to the COVID-19 crisis. Southwest Mississippi Community College (SMCC) signed an agreement with the United States Department of Education to accept these funds.

Students enrolled in the Summer 2022 semesters, who did not receive a financial aid grant from HEERF III funds and believe they are entitled to such a grant, may submit a request to the college via email at the following email address: [businessoffice@smcc.edu](mailto:businessoffice@smcc.edu).