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Policies and Procedures for the American Rescue Plan (ARP)

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) is authorized by the American Rescue Plan (ARP), Public Law 117-2, signed into law on March 11, 2021, providing support to institutions of higher education to serve students and ensure learning continues during the COVID-19 pandemic. ARP funds are in addition to funds authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Public Law 116-260 and the Coronavirus Aid, Recovery, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136.

We believe a majority of our students have experienced some underlying expenses related to changes in campus operations and financial situations due to the coronavirus (COVID-19). It is the intent of the School of Automotive Machinists & Technology (SAM Tech) to allow each affected student the opportunity to apply for HEERF III funds. These grants will provide financial support to students impacted by COVID-19.

Stage 1 of the HEERF III Grant will be award to students with exceptional need. SAM Tech will use the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) EFC to determine which students will receive first stage awards. Students can use this grant for any component of their cost of attendance or emergency costs that arise due to COVID-19, such as tuition, food, housing, course materials, technology, healthcare, childcare, etc.

SAM Tech understands that all students may have experienced disruption in their lives due to COVID-19, however we want to ensure that students with the most need are prioritized for these funds. For this reason, students who received 2021/2022 Pell and did not receive HEERF I or HEERF II funds are automatically awarded HEERF III grants.

Eligibility Requirements

- **Students must have completed 21/22 FAFSA**
- **Students must have completed verification if required**
- **Students must have received 21/22 Pell**
- **Students who received HEERF I or HEERF II are not eligible for Stage 1 awards**

Students who meet the above criteria will automatically be issued a \$500 check. Students will be called to pick up their checks. If a student cannot pick up their check, they will need to provide a correct mailing address for the check to be mailed.

Students with questions or concerns regarding the HEERF II Grant may contact Susie Faerman in the Financial Aid Office at 713-683-3817 or susie.f@samtech.edu.

SAM Tech feels that this is the best way to distribute these funds and assure that those in need get assistance. In addition, the School will not discriminate in the disbursement of funds.