Updated HEERF Relief Funds for Meadville Lombard Students

Policy and Application

Meadville Lombard has received funds under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) I, II, & III. The Department of Education has designated a portion of these funds for providing direct grants to students to support any element of the cost of attendance (as defined by the Department of Education). Meadville Lombard will use these funds to provide grants to assist students who have experienced financial hardship due to the pandemic.

Policy

Any eligible Meadville Lombard student may apply for a cash grant using the form below. The student must document that their request is directly related to financial hardship due to the pandemic. Students may apply more than once.

Eligible Students

- Any degree-seeking Meadville Lombard students who have experienced financial hardship due to the pandemic can apply for these funds.
- All HEERF grants now include DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals), undocumented, and international students. Previously, the Department of Education restricted HEERF funds to domestic, Title-IV eligible students. However, the Department of Education has eased these restrictions (Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III FAQs published May 11, 2021).
- Students must be enrolled in a degree program at least half-time.

Timeline for Decisions

A review committee of at least three staff members of Meadville Lombard will review and process all received applications.

The school will review applications every week: applications received by 11:59 pm CT on Sunday will be processed the following week. Students will receive a confirmation email when their application is received. Students will receive another email with the review committee’s decision: usually Monday or Tuesday the week after they submit their application.

Federal and school holidays may affect the timing of application processing. International students may experience longer delays in receiving their funds.

Amount of Grants

To the greatest extent possible, Meadville Lombard will attempt to accommodate all student requests. However, the school will fill requests based on available funding and the number of student requests. For each student request, the final grant amount is at the discretion of the school. Once the funds are exhausted, Meadville Lombard will not process any further requests.

Delivery of Grant Funds

Approved grants will be sent to the student via direct deposit if the student has completed a Student Direct Deposit Authorization Form. If a direct deposit form is not on file, the grant will be sent via paper check through the US Mail to the mailing address indicated on the form. Meadville Lombard strongly encourages students to use direct deposit.
With the student's written permission, funds may be applied directly to their student account. International students can have grant funding applied directly to their account or they can request an international wire transfer.

**Application Process:**
Students seeking assistance must complete the attached form and submit any supplemental documentation to support the request.

**Additional Information:**
For more information about HEERF I, II, or III, please see the following links:

- [CARES Act: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund](#)
- [CRRSAA: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II)](#)
- [ARP: American Rescue Plan (HEERF III) (ed.gov)](#)

Students who have questions, concerns, or who would like additional information or clarification should contact Jon Coffee, Assistant Director of Financial Aid and Student Services, 312.288.8523, jcoffee@meadville.edu, schedule a meeting: [https://calendly.com/jcoffee](https://calendly.com/jcoffee)
Additional HEERF Relief Funds for Meadville Lombard Students Application

(Please Print)

Student Name: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________
Last Name / First Name / Middle Initial

Current Mailing Address:
______________________________________________________________________________
City / State / Zip

Email: ___________________________ Populi ID# or Last Four Digits of SSN: ___________________________

If you have any questions or concerns about completing this form, please contact the financial aid office before signing/submitting this document.

Please submit a statement addressing the following questions. You may use the space provided or attach a document to this form. Please address all of the following questions. Applications that do not address all of these questions may not be approved.

• What financial hardship have you faced during the pandemic?
• What is the amount of expenses for which you are requesting assistance?
  o Please indicate a specific dollar amount.
  o Please explain how these expenses or hardships are directly related to the pandemic.

I have received and read the "Additional HEERF Relief Funds for Meadville Lombard Students Policy." I certify that the statements made on this application are true to the best of my knowledge.

Student Signature: ___________________________ Date Signed: ___________________________

Please email the completed form to financialaid@meadville.edu from your Meadville Mail address or upload it to your Financial Aid tab in Populi using the "Files" link on the right side of the page.