The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) is authorized by Section 2003 of the American Rescue Plan Act, 2021 (ARP), Public Law 117-2. The ARP/HEERF III program provides emergency relief funds to organizations and individuals affected by the coronavirus pandemic. For institutions of higher education, funding is provided " to

All enrolled students are eligible to apply for assistance. Students are able to apply using the College's Emergency Aid Request Form, available in the Dean of Students' Office. Once an application is received, the Emergency Aid Review Committee reviews each request individually and will be in touch with students. Students are able to indicate on the application form how they would like the funds disbursed, either applied to their student account to support their tuition charges or sent directly to them.

Students awarded funding were sent an e-mail notifying them of their award and a confirmation of how the funds will be disbursed to them, as indicated on their original application. The options were to have the funding sent directly to the student, have the funding applied to their student account, or have the funding split between these two options.

If a student reached out with financial concerns, they were directed to complete the request for emergency funding through the Dean of Students Office. If awarded, they received the same e-mail notification as above.

Copies of the instructional/informational materials given to the students include the following:

- 1. Online survey accessed from the Dean of Students' webpage,
- 2. E-mail from the Director of Financial Aid approving student requests, and
- 3. The College of Wooster ARP Informational Page.