Dear Student:

Legislation for the <u>Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)-II</u>, was enacted by the Federal government at the end December 2020. Midwestern University has officially received the HEERF-II grant funding in the amount of approximately \$2.8 million. Continuing with our focus on student success and well-being at the forefront, we will be making 100% of these funds available for student grants.

The main criteria for awarding the grant is to prioritize funding to students with exceptional financial 'need'. All student grant applications received, will be reviewed and awarded based on student 'need'. At this time, undocumented, DACA, and international students are not eligible. The Student Financial Services office anticipates the majority of grants will range from \$300 to \$500 based on eligibility and need. We encourage all eligible students to complete a FAFSA. An eligible grant application, submitted for a student without a FAFSA will receive \$300.

The grant may be used toward:

- Any component of cost of attendance
- Emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as:
 - o tuition
 - \circ food
 - o housing
 - health care (including mental health)
 - \circ child care

For more information about the <u>HEERF-II</u> Grant II eligibility requirements, please click on the webpage link: <u>https://www.midwestern.edu/admissions/tuition-and-financial-aid/heerf-ii-grant.xml</u>

Students can apply for the HEERF-II Grant through their <u>MWUnet</u> student portal as shown below:

ACADEMIC SERVICES	FINANCIAL SERVICES	STUDENT SERVICES	ITS	RESEARCH	MY INFO
Financial Aid Info Apply for Aid Award Letter Document Checklist FWS Job Postings Indebtedness	Student Account Info 1098-T 3rd-Party Payment Direct Deposit Payment Plans Statement of Account	Other Authorizations Contact Financia Services HEERE Grant Application Institutional Scholarships	a		

Once inside the application select your grant fund usage under section 1, 2 or both. Certify your application and click "Submit". You will hear from our office within 7 to 10 business days. In the interim, you must confirm that you have direct deposit set up via your <u>MWUnet</u> student portal under the '**Financial Services**' tab in order to expedite the processing of your approved grant funding.

Please contact our office if you have any questions about the HEERF-II Grant application process via email or by phone below.

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