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Dear Medical Students,

The university has received funding from federal pandemic relief funds for more student emergency grants (similar to the CARES act grants last fall). HEERF is the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund, which provides government funding to institutions of higher education to provide grants directly to eligible students.

Some of you may have already received what we call an automatic grant of up to \$1,000 - an email would have been sent to you in the last 24 hours if you met all eligibility factors.

Please [reference our newly launched HEERF webpage](#) about how we are awarding grants here at UVM. This page talks about both the automatic grants (^mentioned above) *as well as* the one you can apply for. Even if you received an automatic grant of up to \$1,000 you can still apply for (more) HEERF funds.

- As of TODAY, Student Financial Services has [opened the online application](#)
- There is no known date about when it will close; it's based on funding availability
- The maximum amount students receive is dependent on applications received. We do not have a threshold to share, as a result.
- HEERF grants do not need to be repaid and are automatically eligible for direct deposit; they are *not* built into the financial aid package.
- In addition to the website and application landing page, you are also encouraged to first log into the application to see what it entails
- Individuals who have not utilized financial aid before can apply

Are you eligible? Our [new HEERF II website](#) has a plethora of information; I will do my absolute best to field questions in a timely manner as they arise – however you are encouraged to first please read everything online **very carefully**. It is incredibly detailed (reader friendly too). 😊

I hope you all have a great weekend!

Sincerely,  
Medical Student Financial Services

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