



## The Citadel: HEERF III

Update April 26, 2022

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) as authorized by the American Rescue Plan, was signed into law on March 11, 2021. It provided The Citadel with \$3,315,771 in higher education emergency relief funds for student grants. The funds are targeted to give students cash to cover their expenses related to higher education or for emergency costs that arise due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The HEERF III grants are awarded to students based on guidelines from the US Department of Education. Students had to be enrolled in at least one course at The Citadel as of April 18, 2022, to be eligible. The Citadel issued the grants in three separate tiers and prioritized those students with exceptional need. Pell Grant recipients or students with an EFC from the 21-22 FAFSA equal to or less than \$6000 received \$1,106. (731 students total \$808,486) Students with an EFC between \$6,001 and \$20,000 received an emergency grant of \$751. (586 students total \$440,086) Students with an EFC above \$20,000 or no EFC received an emergency grant of \$300. (2132 students total \$639,600).

This is the second of two HEERF disbursements, \$1,427,500 was distributed in November 2021, the second disbursement on April 26, 2022 totaled \$1,888,271. Total \$3,315,771.

Based upon the eligibility criteria set forth by the US Department of Education, you have been identified to receive an emergency grant. You can verify the amount of your grant by reviewing your account summary inside Lesesne Gateway.

The Treasurer's Office will issue the entire grant amount as a direct payment. The grants will not be applied towards any outstanding tuition and fee balance. Funds will be sent by either direct deposit if you are enrolled in electronic refunds through Lesesne Gateway or by a paper check mailed to your home address on file. If you do not have any emergency needs, we encourage you to use your grant to make a payment towards any current or upcoming school balance, or to make a payment on your student loans if you have education loan debt.

Please contact our office at [financial\\_aid@citadel.edu](mailto:financial_aid@citadel.edu) if you have any questions about this grant. Questions regarding the actual disbursement of these funds should be directed to the Treasurer's Office at [trsr@citadel.edu](mailto:trsr@citadel.edu).

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