

April 28, 2021

Subject: LIM College Receives Federal Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds II (HEERF II) under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) of 2021

Dear Students,

Congratulations as you wrap up your spring 2021 semester! We are happy to announce the next round of Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) HEERF II Emergency Grants for LIM College students – what we are calling **Supplemental Tier III** award consideration.

Based on current guidance from the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE), the College has to give <u>Priority Consideration</u> for CRRSAA HEERF II Emergency Grants to <u>students with exceptional need</u>, which LIM College has defined as - Priority Group #1 (**Tier I**): Students who are Federal Pell Grant recipients in the 2020-2021 Academic Year and Priority Group #2 (**Tier II**): Non-Pell Eligible Students with Unmet Need (based on 2020-21 FAFSA data). The College decided to offer automatic HEERF II awards to these students with demonstrated exceptional financial need, in the amounts of \$1,375 and \$875 respectively.

On April 7, 2021, our Vice President of Finance & Controller, Erik Paulson, sent an email notice of HEERF II Tier I or Tier II Emergency Grant Award eligibility to 669 LIM students who meet the above exceptional need criteria. If you believe that you meet one of these Priority Group criteria and you don't recall receiving notification, please double-check your email history – eligible students have 30 days (until May 7, 2021) to accept their Tier I or Tier II award offer. Otherwise, please email me or Mr. Paulson (erik.paulson@limcollege.edu) to inquire about your Tier I or Tier II eligibility status.

Today we are releasing the HEERF II – Supplemental Tier III Application, which opens up the opportunity for all currently enrolled students (for spring 2021 and/or summer 2021 terms) who have a valid 2020-2021 FAFSA on file and who can certify to their exceptional need to apply for CRRSAA Emergency Grant fund consideration. This application is open to students in all learning modalities (Hybrid In-Person, Hybrid Virtual, and Online) and degree levels (undergraduate & graduate) who meet the basic eligibility criteria above, who can attest to their exceptional need, and who can certify to the use of award funds towards approved and covered expenses (including students who are Tier I or Tier II recipients). Approved expenses

are defined by the USDOE as "any component of the student's cost of attendance or...emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care".

Funds will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis with priority consideration given to students who have maximized their use of all other available financial aid funding and those with lower Expected Family Contributions (EFCs), as demonstrated on their 2020-21 FAFSA. Please note, the <u>maximum total</u> LIM College CRRSAA Act HEERF II Emergency Grant funds a student can receive is **\$4,000**, inclusive of Tier I, Tier II and Supplemental Tier III awards.

Please note, students can choose to request on their <u>application</u> that the Office of Student Financial Services (SFS) apply some or all of their approved award funds towards payment of an existing tuition balance at LIM College (for spring 2021 and/or summer 2021) by indicating such in Questions #9 and #10 (optional) of the application, but there is no requirement to do so. Also note, you must use your LIM College email address on the application and you may be required to provide your LIM email and single sign-on password in order to access the online MS Form.

Please know, LIM College continues to stand with you during this challenging time and we look forward to reviewing your request for CRRSAA HEERF II COVID-19 related assistance.

Best regards,

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