

## The Citadel: HEERF III

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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 million 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 October 18, 2021, 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 \$750. (741 students total \$555,750)

Students with an EFC between \$6,001 and \$20,000 received an emergency grant of \$500. (605 students total \$302,500)

Students with an EFC above \$20,000 or no EFC received an emergency grant of \$250. (2277 students total \$569,250)

Total disbursed in the fall 2021: \$1,427,500.

The second round of HEERF III funding is scheduled to be awarded at the end of January 2022.