

## UMaine/UMM HEERF II Communication to Eligible Students (Message Center Communication)

Dear STUDENT,

The University of Maine has been allocated additional emergency student funding through the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) of 2021, also known as the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF II). The Act requires that \$3.8 million dollars provide financial aid grants to students, which may be used for any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care), or child care. UMaine will begin distributing HEERF II funds to eligible students starting the week of **March 24, 2021**.

These funds can either be paid directly to you or can be used to pay your student bill. Please complete the HEERF II 2021 Payment Confirmation on your MaineStreet To Do List by **March 31, 2021** to notify us of how you would like to receive this payment. Your payment preference does not impact your eligibility for these funds or the amount of funds you will receive. If the confirmation is not completed by this date, funds will be sent directly to you.

Since you are enrolled in **XX** credits for the Spring 2021 semester, you are eligible to receive a **\$XXX** direct payment of these emergency funds. Eligibility is determined as of March 24, 2021.

### Distribution of Funds

UMaine will distribute HEERF II funds directly to degree-seeking, undergraduate and graduate students based on the number of credit hours a student is taking during Spring 2021.

### How you will receive your payment

Once the HEERF II 2021 Payment Confirmation on your MaineStreet To Do List is completed, or if incomplete, after **March 31, 2021**, eligible students will receive payments through their MaineStreet Student Account. Depending on the option chosen, funds will either be used to pay the bill or will be refunded directly to you.

If you have already enrolled in direct deposit through the Bursar's Office, your payment will automatically be deposited into your bank account. If you are not able to enroll in direct deposit, a paper check will be mailed to the billing address listed on your MaineStreet account.

Visit [umaine.edu/bursar/directdeposit](https://umaine.edu/bursar/directdeposit) for instructions on how to enroll in direct deposit.

Visit [umaine.edu/bursar/refundaddress](https://umaine.edu/bursar/refundaddress) for instructions on how to add or modify your refund address.

### Questions

Visit our website at [umaine.edu/stuaid/heerf-ii-emergency-student-funding](https://umaine.edu/stuaid/heerf-ii-emergency-student-funding) for additional information. If you have any questions regarding your HEERF II payment, please contact the Office of Student Financial Aid at:

Email: [umfinaid@maine.edu](mailto:umfinaid@maine.edu)

Phone: 207-581-1324

Or Schedule a Zoom Financial Aid Advising Appointment at: <https://umaine.edu/stuaid/advising/>