



January 04, 2022

Dear Scholar,

We are reaching out as Illinois Tech has received funding to assist students with emergency grants through the American Rescue Plan (ARP). The ARP specifically designates funds under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) model to distribute direct grant assistance to students to assist with any component of a student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus (examples may include tuition, food, housing, books and supplies, transportation, health care, or child care). The ARP also requires schools to prioritize students with exceptional need.

As a student that meets the unaccompanied homeless youth criteria for this academic year, you have been identified as a student with exceptional need. To assist you in responding to any of the above emergency expenses, a \$1,500 Higher Education Emergency Relief Grant is being distributed to you. If you received a grant already this academic year, this will be an increase to your total emergency funding.

If you have an outstanding balance with the university, you may have this grant applied to your bill. To do so, please complete this [Authorization Form](#) by **the end of day tomorrow, January 5, 2022**. Otherwise, the funds will be distributed directly to you via direct deposit (or by paper check if no direct deposit information is on file in TouchNet).

Please note: it is anticipated that these will be the final student emergency grants allocated through federal pandemic relief. We encourage you to use these funds in a way that will meet your immediate and ongoing needs this academic year to maximize the impact of the funds.

We understand student needs over the past year have continued to present personal challenges and we hope this grant assists you with your financial needs. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Office of Financial Aid

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312-567-7219

Email sent to:

Student (Banner ID/CWID) No.:

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