

## American Rescue Plan (ARP) Spring 2022

### Overview

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) is authorized by the federal American Rescue Plan (ARP), signed into law on March 11, 2021, providing support to institutions of higher education to serve students and ensure learning continues during the COVID-19 pandemic. The ARP was designated to mitigate the negative impact of the pandemic on students' educational attainment by targeting the highest need students to help meet their basic financial needs. The full published report of the ARP may be found on the [FederalRegister.gov](https://www.federalregister.gov) website or by clicking [here](#).

Please note the the following information applies exclusively to ARP (HEERF III) student funding. For information regarding the CARES Act (HEERF I) or CRRSAA (HEERF II), please us the following links:

[CARES Act](#)

[CRRSAA](#)

### ARP General Eligibility

- Must be a currently enrolled student at the Pomeroy College of Nursing at Crouse Hospital

### Eligible Students

- The student must be enrolled for the Spring 2022 semester/term as of February 8, 2022.
- The student has been adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and has an emergency financial need for an allowable expense.
- The student must complete the HEERF III (ARP) Emergency Grant application via MOODLE which includes self-identifying any mitigating circumstances experienced.

### Qualifying Expenses

Grants awarded are intended to reduce hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic. Examples of COVID-19 related expenses eligible for grant consideration include, but are not limited to:

- Cost of attendance expenses
- Childcare expenses
- Technology related needs expenses
- Medical/health-related expenses due to COVID-19 (including mental health care)
- Food
- Housing (rent/utilities)

### Non-Qualifying Expenses

Per federal guidance, emergency cash grants to students cannot be applied by the institution towards outstanding balances and must be disbursed directly to the student.

### Award Determination

Funds were awarded to students who met the eligibility requirements (above). The institution issued payments in one of three tiers to all eligible student using a combination of scoring matrix from the ARP grant application submitted in Moodle and students' self-reported mitigating circumstances. In applicable cases, students' FAFSA-derived EFC was used in assisting the institution with making determinations. These funding tiers went as follows:

- Group 1: a sum of \$6,495 was set aside for additional mitigating circumstances, which was disbursed on a case by case basis.
- Group 2: 108 students received payments for \$1,051.97 and two (2) students received payments for \$1,051.96.
- Group 3: 64 students received payments of \$774.88

### **Institutional Eligibility and Compliance**

The College established eligibility for CARES Act/HEERF I/II/III funding by submitting a signed Certification and Agreement to the Department on April 24, 2020.

- To ensure compliance with ARP/HEERF III program requirements, the College drew down 50% of its allotted student portion of funding, \$171,804 for the sole purpose of disbursing to students for assistance with the aforementioned expenses in the Fall 2021 semester/term.
- To ensure compliance with ARP/HEERF III program requirements, the College drew down the remaining 50% of its allotted student portion of funding, \$171,804 for the sole purpose of disbursing to students for assistance with the aforementioned expenses in the Spring 2022 semester/term.
- The College will continue to use the remaining portion of CRRSAA (HEERF II) and ARP (HEERF III) funding for educational infrastructure costs associated with safely providing program content following the March 11, 2020 campus disruption, and the continued associated costs with maintaining campus safety.

### **Disbursement of Funds**

There were 175 students eligible to receive ARP/HEERF III funds in the Spring 2022 semester/term, which were drawn down from the federal G5 portal on February 24, 2022.

- Total amount awarded to students for the Spring 2022 semester/term: \$171,804
- Payment was issued to all 175 students on February 28, 2022. In the form of paper checks mailed to the students' permanent home address as listed in SONIS.

### **Notification and Guidance**

Students received an email outlining the details of the ARP/HEERF III per the most recent guidance issued by the [Department of Education](#). Students were directed to the Financial Affairs Officer for further guidance as needed.

### **Tax Information**

Our current guidance regarding ARP funding provide to students is that it will not be taxable, and is considered official federal disaster assistance. However this funding may appear in Box 5 of each

recipient's IRS form 1098-T for filing purposes. The College will continue to monitor appropriate regulatory channels for updated regarding the ARP and how it may affect tax filing and/or future financial aid applications.