

Appalachian State University

Federal Emergency Grants Report - Quarter 4 October 1st to December 31, 2021

Awards: P425E200825 and P425F201702

Report Date: January 10, 2022

The Appalachian State University signed & returned a Certification & Agreement with the Department of Education to accept allocated funds from the American Rescue Plan (ARP), Public Law 117-2. The ARP established and funded the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) to provide emergency financial aid grants. These critical funds help eligible Appalachian State University students cover expenses related to unanticipated travel, additional technology requirements, or other needs related to an emergency situation.

Federal Emergency Aid Grant Reporting:

As of June 2021, the Appalachian State University received \$37,321,590 for students to fund the Federal Emergency Financial Aid Grants. The estimated total number of students potentially eligible to be considered to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants in quarter 4 was 0. As of September 16, 2021, \$37,370,651 in HEERF funds has been disbursed to 57,314 students.

Information on the <https://www.appstate.edu/go/coronavirus/cares-grants/>

Federal Emergency Aid Grant Criteria and Eligibility:

Appalachian State University made federal HEERF III student funds of \$21,393,658 plus some HEERF III institutional funds available for direct payments to eligible students.

As of June 2021, 8,487 eligible students were awarded \$6,144,588.

- Students eligible for this award must have attempted at least 24 total credits at App State during the fall 2020 and spring 2021 semesters but completed less than 30 credits.
- These students also had to be enrolled in classes at App State for the spring 2021 semester and eligible to attend in the fall 2021 semester.
- Based on institutional priorities, eligible students received assistance and were encouraged to use distributed funds to take a summer course in order to graduate on time.

The university distributed the remaining \$15,400,910 HEERF III funds on Sept. 16, 2021, as direct payments to 20,046 eligible students as follows:

- Undergraduate students receiving the Pell Grant in the 2021-22 academic year received \$875.
- Eligible graduate students and undergraduate students NOT receiving the Pell Grant during the 2021-22 academic year received \$735.

Students eligible for this award had to meet U.S. Department of Education eligibility requirements and had to be degree-seeking students at App State who were enrolled at least half time during the fall 2021 semester.

- Undergraduate students had to be enrolled in at least six credit hours.
- Graduate students had to be enrolled in at least five credit hours.