

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Emergency Funds

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act, 2021, has allocated emergency financial aid grants called the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) III. The purpose of the funding is to award emergency financial aid grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The institution has received these funds and is distributing them in accordance with the ARP and implementing guidance.

The institution is making the below information available for transparency purposes and in compliance with the U.S. Department of Education's ("Department") Electronic Announcement of May 13, 2021. For questions or concerns regarding this Fund Report, please contact Jody Castillo, Systems Director of Financial Assistance, at jcastillo@bryanu.edu.

As required by the Department of Education, Bryan University is providing information regarding the ARP Act funds:

1. Bryan University signed and returned to the Department the proprietary Institution Certification Form and the assurance that the institution has used the applicable amount of funds designated under the ARP program to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
2. The total amount of funds Bryan University will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the ARP program is \$117,587.00.
3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the ARP program as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the initial report and every calendar quarter thereafter) is \$117,582.60.
4. The estimated total number of students at the institution eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the ARP program is 136.
5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to Students under ARP program is 116.
6. The method Bryan University used to determine which students may receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they may receive under the ARP program is as follows:
 - a. Students must be U.S. Citizens or eligible non-citizens.
 - b. Students must certify they have completed a 2021-2022 FAFSA.
 - c. Students must certify that emergency grant funds are used to assist with expenses incurred in direct relation to the coronavirus pandemic and only the following expenses can be included; tuition, food, housing and utilities, healthcare (including mental health care), and childcare.
 - d. Students must certify they are current students and working towards a degree or certificate from Bryan University (Student statuses of active, active-LOA and Future Start meet eligibility requirements. Student statuses will be verified when funds are requested from the Department of Education).
 - e. Students must complete the ARP Student Acknowledgement form and return to Bryan University no later than 11:59p on October 17th, 2021. The form may be completed and submitted via hardcopy or electronically.
 - f. Students must certify that all answers, information, and documentation (if applicable) provided is complete, true, and accurate to the best of their knowledge. They understand that any misrepresentation, falsification, or omission of any facts in the acknowledgement may result in funds being denied.
 - g. Emergency grant amounts are determined based on the number of ARP Student Acknowledgement forms received and number of eligible students. The emergency grants will be divided equally and in a way that

prioritizes eligible students with exceptional need and ensures that funds are distributed as widely and expeditiously as possible, per federal guidance. ARP funds will be allocated directly between students based on the following two groups:

- Group 1 – Funds will be allocated directly to students who have filed a 2021-2022 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The amount of each grant is determined by the FAFSA's calculated Expected Family Contribution (EFC). Students with a calculated EFC between \$0 and \$5,846.00 will receive an amount that does not exceed the maximum amount of the 2021-2022 Federal Pell grant award (\$6,495.00)
 - Group 2 – Funds will be allocated directly to students who have filed a 2021-2022 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The amount of each grant is determined by the FAFSA's calculated Expected Family Contribution (EFC). Students with a calculated EFC between \$5,847.00 and higher will receive an amount that does not exceed the maximum amount of the 2021-2022 Federal Pell grant award (\$6,495.00) and is less than the amount disbursed to Group 1.
- h. Bryan University does not guarantee that all ARP Student Acknowledgements submitted are eligible for funding.
7. Bryan University has provided students the following information and instructions regarding the Emergency Financial Aid Grants and copies are available upon request.
- a. ARP – Student Email (Information and Instructions)
 - b. ARP – Student Learning Management System post (Information and Instructions)
 - c. ARP – Website (Information and Instructions)
 - d. ARP - Student Acknowledgement Form