



HEERF III Student Fund Reporting Requirements – 04.01.2022 Round II

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) was authorized by the American Recovery Plan (ARP) and signed into law March 11, 2021 to provide support to institutions of higher education to serve students and ensure learning continues during the COVID-19 pandemic. ARP funds are HEERF funds in addition to funds authorized by the CRRSAA and CARES Act.

1. WSC signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education the Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants for Students. WSC intends to use the funds designated under Section 314 (a)(1) of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) and American Recovery Plan Act (ARP) to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
2. Williston State College received addition funds through the APR Grant Funds of \$150,000. This amount is designated for emergency financial aid grants for students.
3. Of these funds, \$148,700 have been disbursed to students as of April 01, 2022.
4. As of April 01, 2022, 562 students received ARP Grant funding under Section 314(a)(1) of the ARP.
5. According to the US Department of Education, students with financial need should be prioritized. Williston State College will give all currently enrolled (as of March 28, 2022) degree-seeking students ARP HEERF III funds. The first category of recipients includes pell-eligible students who also attended WSC in fall of 2021 and were identified as the students with exceptional need. The second category of recipients includes all other degree-seeking, enrolled students (as of March 28, 2022) who also attended WSC in fall of 2021. The third category of recipients includes pell-eligible students who were identified as the students with exceptional need who did not attend WSC in the fall of 2021. The fourth category of recipients includes all other degree-seeking, enrolled students (as of March 28, 2022) who did not attend WSC in fall of 2021. We are not focusing on credit-load, they just had to be degree-seeking and enrolled.
6. WSC's model for distribution to recipients is outlined below:

Pell-Eligible (With FAFSA) Returning	Award Amt	Total
158 Students	\$400	\$63,200
All other degree-seeking enrolled returning students	Award Amt	Total
348 Students	\$225	\$78,300
Pell-Eligible (With FAFSA) Non-returning	Award Amt	Total
19 Students	\$155	\$2,945
All other degree-seeking enrolled non-returning students	Award Amt	Total
37 Students	\$115	\$4,255
Total HEERF III funds distributed to students 04/01/2022		\$148,700

7. An email was sent to all campus emails on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 with information regarding the ARP Act. All recipients of the ARP funds were emailed on Tuesday, March 29, 2022 informing them on where to view their award, when refunds would begin, and how they would receive their refund. This notice also included that if the student had an outstanding balance with WSC, the grant could be applied to the balance if they responded with a request to apply to the account balance no later than 4:30pm CTS on Wednesday, March 30, 2022.



Email sent to all WSC students:

From: WSC FinancialAid
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 10:59 AM
To: WSC-ALLSTUDENTS@LISTSERV.NODAK.EDU
Subject: ARP Act Grant - Spring 2022

WSC Students:

On March 11, 2021, the Coronavirus Response & Relief Supplemental Appropriations (ARP) Act was signed into law. Similar to the CARES Act passed in March 2020 and the CRRSA Act passed in December 2020, this act included funding to institutions of higher education, referred to as the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF). This fund provides student with grants to offset the unexpected expenses they may have incurred as campus operations were disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic. WSC is currently working to finalize its campus-specific protocol to distribute student funds, which will be based on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) data and current spring 22 term enrollment status to determine eligibility. There will not be an application for this grant. Unfortunately, not all students will be eligible to receive emergency grant funding. The ARP Act grant may be used to cover any component of a student's cost of attendance (COA), OR for emergency costs that arise due to COVID-19, including tuition, food, housing, health care and childcare. All ARP Act recipients will be notified by email within two to three weeks.

Email sent to ARP Grant recipients:

From: WSC FinancialAid
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 3:13 PM
Subject: ARP Act Grant Recipients

Good Afternoon,

You are a recipient of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) HEERF III grant from WSC in the amount of \$400. Your ARP/HEERF III grant will be viewable on your Campus Connection by 4:30PM, Thursday, March 31, 2022. Your award will disburse Friday, April 1, 2022. Eligibility is based on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) data and current Spring 2022 term enrollment status as of 11:59pm CST on March 28, 2022. There is not an application for this grant. As a reminder, the AARP/HEERF III grant may be used to cover any component of a student's cost of attendance (COA). **If you currently have an outstanding balance with WSC and would like your grant applied to the balance, please respond to this email with a request to apply the grant to your account balance no later than 4:30p, CST on Wednesday, March 30, 2022.**

If you have any question, please let us know.

From: Fry, Amy
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 4:36 PM
Subject: ARP ACT Grant Recipients

Good Afternoon,

You are a recipient of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) HEERF III grant from WSC in the amount of \$225. Your ARP/HEERF III grant will be viewable on your Campus Connection by 4:30PM, Thursday, March 31, 2022. Your award will disburse Friday, April 1, 2022. Eligibility is based on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) data and current Spring 2022 term enrollment status as of 11:59pm CST on March 28, 2022. There is not an application for this grant. As a reminder, the AARP/HEERF III grant may be used to cover any component of a student's cost of attendance (COA). **If you currently have an outstanding balance with WSC and would like your grant applied to the balance, please respond to this email with a request to apply the grant to your account balance no later than 4:30p, CST on Wednesday, March 30, 2022.**

If you have any question, please let us know.



From: WSC FinancialAid
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 4:42 PM
Subject: ARP Act Grant Recipients

Good Afternoon,

You are a recipient of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) HEERF III grant from WSC in the amount of \$155. Your ARP/HEERF III grant will be viewable on your Campus Connection by 4:30PM, Thursday, March 31, 2022. Your award will disburse Friday, April 1, 2022. Eligibility is based on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) data and current Spring 2022 term enrollment status as of 11:59pm CST on March 28, 2022. There is not an application for this grant. As a reminder, the AARP/HEERF III grant may be used to cover any component of a student's cost of attendance (COA). **If you currently have an outstanding balance with WSC and would like your grant applied to the balance, please respond to this email with a request to apply the grant to your account balance no later than 4:30p, CST on Wednesday, March 30, 2022.**

If you have any question, please let us know.

From: WSC FinancialAid
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 4:48 PM
Subject: ARP Act Grant Recipients

Good Afternoon,

You are a recipient of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) HEERF III grant from WSC in the amount of \$115G. Your ARP/HEERF III grant will be viewable on your Campus Connection by 4:30PM, Thursday, March 31, 2022. Your award will disburse Friday, April 1, 2022. Eligibility is based on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) data and current Spring 2022 term enrollment status as of 11:59pm CST on March 28, 2022. There is not an application for this grant. As a reminder, the AARP/HEERF III grant may be used to cover any component of a student's cost of attendance (COA). **If you currently have an outstanding balance with WSC and would like your grant applied to the balance, please respond to this email with a request to apply the grant to your account balance no later than 4:30p, CST on Wednesday, March 30, 2022.**

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