

South Carolina State University
ARP Act Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students
HEERF III
Report as of June 30, 2022
FINAL

Acknowledgement and Assurances

South Carolina State University acknowledges that the institution signed and returned to the US Department of Education the Certification and Agreement for the ARP Act Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students and assures that the institution has used, or intends to use, no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 314(a)(1) of the ARP Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

ARP Act Funding

South Carolina State University received the following funding for the Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section 314(a)(1) of the ARP Act.

| | Total Allocation | Minimum Allocation to Emergency Financial Aid Grants | Institutional Portion |
|---------------------------------|------------------|--|-----------------------|
| ARP Act Funding | | | |
| South Carolina State University | \$ 11,697,498 | \$ 5,850,989 | \$ 5,846,509 |

Total Disbursement of Emergency Financial Aid Grants

| ARP Act Funding | Total Disbursements this Quarter |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| South Carolina State University | \$ 3,224,172 |
| ARP Act Funding | Total Disbursements to Date |
| South Carolina State University | \$ 5,850,989 |

Total # of Students Eligible

| ARP Act Funding | Total # of Eligible Students |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| South Carolina State University | 1,965 |

Total # of Students receiving Emergency Financial Aid Grants - Section 314(a)(1) of the ARP Act

| ARP Act Funding | Total # of Students Receiving Aid |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| South Carolina State University | 1,965 |

Methodology for Emergency Financial Aid Grants Under Section 314(a)(1) of the ARP Act

In response to coronavirus, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 provides institutions with additional funding for emergency financial aid grants to students. The first round of disbursements was in three tiers prioritizing students with exceptional need: \$2,000 to full-time enrolled Federal Pell Grant recipients and \$1,000 to part-time enrolled Federal Pell Grant recipients; \$1,000 to full-time enrolled students with Expected Family Contributions (EFC) up to \$15,000 and \$500 to part-time enrolled students with Expected Family Contributions (EFC) up to 15,000; and \$500 to all other Title IV eligible students. The dollar amount awarded was based on a student's status for Fall 2021.

To be eligible for any of the three tiers, students had to:

- Be enrolled in a Fall 2021 on-campus undergraduate program at least part time
- Be Title IV federal financial aid eligible
- Have a 2021-22 FAFSA on file

The second round of disbursements was based on a student's status for Spring 2022 and again prioritized students with exceptional need; however, graduate and international students were also included in this round of disbursements: \$2,137 or \$2,138 to full-time enrolled Federal Pell Grant recipients and \$1,069 to part-time enrolled Federal Pell Grant recipients; \$1,749 to full-time enrolled students with Expected Family Contributions (EFC) up to \$30,000 and \$729 to part-time enrolled students with Expected Family Contributions (EFC) up to \$30,000; \$1,458 to all other full-time enrolled Title IV eligible students and \$632 to all other part-time enrolled Title IV eligible students; \$680 to graduate students; and \$1,000 to full-time enrolled international students.

To be eligible for any of the five tiers, students had to:

- Be enrolled Spring 2022 at least part-time
- Be Title IV federal financial aid eligible.
- Have a 2021-22 FAFSA on file.

Instructions, Direction and Guidance to Students about ARP Act Emergency Financial Aid Grants

The award notice sent to each student at their South Carolina State University email will explain the purpose of the ARP funds awarded to them and their acknowledgement made by acceptance of these funds. Awards will be made to students via the already-established aid awarding process. Per statute, these awards will be refunded regardless of any balances on students' accounts. Refunds will be sent via direct deposit or paper check, depending upon the student's disbursement method on file with the Office of Student Accounts.

ARP quarterly reporting webpage URL:

<https://scsu.edu/covid-19-reporting-heerf/>