

American Rescue Plan (HEERF III) Student Fund Quarterly Report

Washburn University and Washburn Tech previously signed and returned to the Department of Education the [Funding Certification and Agreement](#) Emergency Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. By drawing down the funds from the American Rescue Plan (ARP), Washburn University and Washburn Tech agreed to terms and conditions under the ARP. Washburn University and Washburn Tech received a total \$7,207,148 to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. Funds will primarily be used as a block grant based on criteria from the Fall 2021 semester. Funds were also used to cover lost scholarships due to extensions of academic timeframes as a result of COVID-19.

In order to ensure that HEERF II funds were fully utilized and eligible students were able to receive the full amount, about \$7,525 in HEERF III funds were utilized. About 27 students out of the Spring 2021 block grant received funding out of HEERF III.

On 06/30/21, \$500 was provided to 0 EFC undergraduates enrolled in 9 or more hours over the summer. This accounted for \$13,500 to 27 students.

Beginning 07/13/21, students that lost academic resources due to an extension of their academic timeframe as a result of COVID-19, were eligible to receive funding.

In order to ensure that funds would be fully utilized, uncashed checks over one year old were canceled and added to the total HEERF III available to students. This accounted for about \$8,501 and was completed in late September 2021.

American Rescue Plan student funds were utilized in a block grant processed throughout September 2021. Students needed to meet grant criteria for Fall 2021 as of 09/07/21. Students with backdated total withdrawals prior to 09/07/21 may be ineligible to receive these funds. Students adding hours after 09/07/21 might not have those hours factored in to grant criteria. An exception may be made if there was an error in processing the add request or if there was a delay out of the student's control. Concurrently enrolled high school students and non-degree seeking students are not eligible for this funding. It is estimated that 4,485 Washburn students and 512 Washburn Tech students were eligible to receive the block grant.

Criteria for the September 2021 grant based on Fall 2021 data as determined on 09/07/21

<u>Washburn University Criteria</u>	Grant Amount
Undergraduate students enrolled 12 or more hours	\$1,200
Undergraduate students enrolled in 6-11 hours	\$600
Graduate/Law students enrolled 12 or more hours	\$720
Graduate/Law students enrolled in 6-11 hours	\$360
On campus residence enrolled 12 or more	\$650
Pell awarded enrolled 12 or more hours	\$1,000
EFC 0-10,000 enrolled 12 or more hours	\$600
EFC 10,000-20,000 enrolled 12 or more hours	\$300

Tech Projections

Undergraduate students enrolled 12 or more hours	\$600
Undergraduate students enrolled in 6-11 hours	\$300
On campus residence enrolled 12 or more	\$650
Pell awarded enrolled 12 or more hours	\$500
EFC 0-10,000 enrolled 12 or more hours	\$300
EFC 10,000-20,000 enrolled 12 or more hours	\$150

Washburn student portion of ARP expenditures.

Washburn University Grant Totals by Month

	# of Grants by Month	Monthly Grants Disbursed	Total Grants Disbursed
5/31/2021	27	\$7,525	\$7,525
6/30/2021	27	\$13,500	\$21,025
7/31/2021	1	\$1,854	\$22,879
8/31/2021	2	\$8,002	\$30,881
9/30/2021	4,500	\$6,576,897.51	\$6,607,778.51

4,557 grants have been made to 4,505 different Washburn University students. The average grant per recipient is \$1,466.77.

Washburn Tech Grant Totals by Month

	# of Grants by Month	Monthly Grants Disbursed	Total Grants Disbursed
9/30/2021	512	\$357,500	\$357,500

512 grants have been made to Washburn Tech students. The average grant is \$698.24.

Approximately \$241,869.49 remains in HEERF III funds.

Student Communications

- The email below was sent to all students at Washburn University for the Fall 2021 semester regarding the block grant

From: WU Announcement <wu-announcement@washburn.edu>

Sent: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 2:43 PM

To:

Subject: HEERF Grant Disbursement for Students

Greetings fellow Ichabods,

I hope your fall semester is off to a terrific start! Recently, funding was made available to Washburn University through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) for the Fall 2021 semester. Degree seeking students who are enrolled in a minimum of 6 credit hours as of 09/07/21 are eligible to receive this grant. High school students taking Washburn Tech classes and Concurrent Enrollment Program (CEP) are not eligible. You do not need to do anything to apply, if eligible, you will receive an email notification from the Office of Financial Aid. Grants will be processed starting on 09/09/21 through the end of September. Please see the table below for the different processing dates. Grants will be sent directly to you. If you still have a balance, you can apply this funding to your account or set up a [payment plan](#). Please allow a few business days for processing. As always, to expedite receipt of any grants or refunds, we encourage you to sign up for [direct deposit](#) ASAP.

9/9 Washburn undergraduate students in 12 or more hours.

9/14 Washburn undergraduate students in 6-11 hours, graduate and law students.

9/21 Washburn Tech students enrolled in 6 or more hours.

Go Bods!

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- The email below was sent to block grant recipients upon disbursement

From:

Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 12:14 PM

To:

Subject: Washburn University Higher Education Emergency Relief Grant Processed

Dear Ichabod,

Today Washburn University processed a grant for you that was made available through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF II) for the Fall 2021 semester. HEERF III was authorized by American Rescue Plan (ARP). Funds were assigned based on your Fall 2021 enrollment as determined on 09/07/2021. This grant was based on several factors that include your Fall 2021 enrollment, Expected Family Contribution from the FAFSA, Pell Grant eligibility, and others factors.

You can see the amount that processed by signing in to your [my.washburn.edu](#), selecting Financial Services, Review your awards, Award Offer, and then changing the award year to 2021-2022 from the drop down menu.

Funds from this grant **will be sent directly to you and will not apply to any university balance**. If you owe a balance and wish to make a payment, you may view payment options at <https://www.washburn.edu/student-life/business-office/payments.html>.

If you have signed up for direct deposit, you should receive those funds within 1-2 business days depending on your bank's processing time. If you do not have [direct deposit](#) set up, you will be notified within a few business days when a refund check is available for you to pick up.

Thank you,

Emergency Grant Committee

- The email below was sent to students that received the Spring 2021 block grant

From: financialaid@washburn.edu <financialaid@washburn.edu>

Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2021 3:56 PM

To:

Subject: Washburn University Higher Education Emergency Relief Grant Processed

Dear Ichabod,

Today Washburn University processed grants made available through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) for the Spring 2021 semester. HEERF II was authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA). Funds were assigned based on your Spring 2021 enrollment as determined on 05/21/2021. This grant was based on several factors that include your Spring 2021 enrollment, Expected Family Contribution from the FAFSA, Pell Grant eligibility, and others factors.

You can see the amount that will be processed by signing in to your my.washburn.edu, selecting Financial Services, Review your awards, Award Offer, and then changing the award year to 2020-2021 from the drop down menu.

Funds from this grant **will be sent directly to you and will not apply to any university balance**. If you owe a balance and wish to make a payment, you may view payment options at <https://www.washburn.edu/student-life/business-office/payments.html>.

If you have signed up for direct deposit, you will receive those funds within 1-2 business days depending on your bank's processing time. If you do not have [direct deposit](#) set up a refund check will be mailed out to the address on file.

Thank you,
Washburn University Emergency Grant Committee

- The email below was sent to a student that had a lost resource in Fall 2021

From: emergencygrant

Sent: Wednesday, August 25, 2021 9:19 PM

Subject: Fall 2021 Grant

Your Fall 2021 Higher Education Emergency Relief grant has now processed. This grant was due to lost athletic resources as a result of COVID-19. You may view the amount in your financial aid awards or on your student account information both located under the financial services section of your MyWashburn.

Please note, a response was not received regarding the consent to apply the grant to your balance. This means the grant will be sent directly to you and will not apply to outstanding balances at Washburn. If you owe a balance, you will still need to make a payment or make other arrangements.

If you signed up for direct deposit, it will be sent to your bank today. Depending on your bank, it may take a couple days to reflect in your account. If you did not sign up for direct deposit, a check should be available within a few days.

Thank you,

Emergency Grant Committee