

Dear Yellow Jacket,

As part of the Yellow Jacket Nation, we hope that you are continuing to stay safe and well. West Virginia State University has received federal emergency funding from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) to provide financial assistance to our students. This emergency assistance grant can be used to help cover any direct education expenses, such as tuition, books or computers or other related costs including housing, food or child care expenses during this pandemic.

To be eligible for this grant you must be in compliance with the following guidelines:

- Be currently enrolled in a degree program
- Complete a FAFSA and have a valid Expected Family Contribution (EFC)

Based on WVSU awarding parameters, you will be receiving an award for \$ XXXX.

The University will process this amount through our bank, BB&T. If you have set up a direct deposit, your award amount will be directed to the bank account on file. Otherwise, a check will be issued and mailed to the address indicated on your student account.

Included below are the Frequently Asked Questions pertaining to these grant funds. If you should have any additional questions, please contact the West Virginia State University Cashier's Office at cashier@wvstateu.edu or (304) 766-3141.

For more information pertaining to the American Rescue Plan (ARP) grant as well as information on the University's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, visit www.wvstateu.edu/coronavirus and continue to monitor your University email account.

Stay Safe and Healthy!

Sincerely,

Christina Dalton 08'
Vice President for Business and Finance

Emergency COVID-19 Federal Grant Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

The following information is based on the latest guidance available from the Department of Education and is subject to change. Questions will be added and updated as information becomes available on the official WVSU's Coronavirus website.

1) What is the American Rescue Plan (ARP) emergency grant?

West Virginia State University received additional federal emergency funding through the American Rescue Plan Act under the Biden Administration that will provide financial assistance to students.

2) Who qualifies for a Fall 2021 ARP Emergency Grant?

- a. Currently enrolled, degree seeking student
- b. Must have completed a FAFSA with an Expected Family Contribution (EFC)

3) I am a graduate student; will I be considered for a Fall 2021 ARP Emergency Grant?

YES. Graduate students who meet the outlined eligibility criteria will be considered.

4) If eligible, when will I receive my American Rescue Plan Emergency Grant for Fall 2021?

The WVSU Cashier's Office will begin processing these emergency grant funds on November 3, 2021. You can expect to receive payment within 10-14 business days.

5) If I have a balance, will the Fall 2021 Emergency Grant funds be applied to my student account automatically?

No, this emergency grant will not automatically apply to any outstanding balance. It is your choice if you would like to use your emergency grant to make a payment on your balance due, if applicable. WVSU will reach out to recipients of the grant who owe a balance to ask if they would like their grant to pay toward their balance due. If you do have a balance, we strongly encourage you to utilize these funds to pay off any outstanding balance with the University. You will not be able to register for the upcoming semester unless your balance is paid below \$500. Additionally, you will not be able to obtain a transcript or view grades until the balance is paid in full.

6) If I choose for my emergency grant to apply to an outstanding balance, can I change my mind?

No. Once WVSU receives indication that you'd like your grant to apply to your outstanding balance, the process to apply the funds to your balance begins and cannot be reversed.

7) Can I setup direct deposit to receive these emergency grant funds?

If you have not previously setup direct deposit with the WVSU Cashier's Office, you will receive a check in the mail. Unfortunately, there is no way to change the method of payment to receive these funds at this time. However, if you would like to update your method of payment for the future, please contact the Cashier's Office.

8) If I am receiving a paper check, where will the check be mailed to?

The check will be mailed to the address that WVSU has on file.

9) Can the emergency grant funds be picked up in person?

No, the emergency grant funds can only be received by paper check in the mail or direct deposit.

10) Can I apply to receive additional emergency funds?

Yes, please visit www.wvstateu.edu/emergencygrant to apply for additional emergency grant funding. Students who did not meet the eligibility criteria to receive emergency financial assistance grants can also apply for emergency funds through this portal.

11) How long will students have to apply for the Fall 2021 additional emergency funds through the student portal?

Given limited resources, these funds will be awarded on a first come, first serve basis for Fall 2021.

12) Will there be additional emergency financial assistance available for future semesters?

The University is continuing to monitor what funds may be available for future semesters. Students will be notified as soon as possible if further emergency financial assistance may be granted.