**American Rescue Plan: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEEF III)**

Under the American Rescue Plan, West Virginia State University will use no less than 50% of the funds of the ARP towards Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

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| Student Emergency Grant Funds |  |  |
|  | June '21 | September '21 |
| Total funds Received | $ 825,052 | $ 825,052 |
| Total funds Paid | 0 | 0 |
| Estimated Total of Eligible Students | 0 | 0 |
| Total Students Paid | 0 | 0 |

WVSU used the following method to determine which students would receive Emergency Grants and how much they would receive:

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| **American Rescue Plan (ARP)** | |
| Pell Eligible |  |
| Enrollment | Grant Amount |
| 12+ | $1,250 |
| 9 to 11 | $1,000 |
| 8 to 6 | $750 |
| 5 or less | $500 |
|  |  |
| Not Pell Eligible |  |
| Enrollment | Grant Amount |
| 12+ | $800 |
| 9 to 11 | $600 |
| 8 to 6 | $400 |
| 5 or less | $200 |

Instructions Directions or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants are as follows:

**STUENTS THAT DO NOT HAVE A BALANCE**

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 $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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](mailto: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](file:///C:\Users\dotti.davidson.INSTITUTE\Downloads\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

**STUENTS THAT HAVE A BALANCE**

Dear Yellow Jacket,

You have been sent notification that you have received American Rescue Plan (ARP) student emergency grant funds.

Please be advised that you currently have a balance due on your student account and you may choose to use these funds to pay that balance. **You may not be able to register for the spring semester and you will not be able to obtain transcripts until your balance is paid.** To accept and direct these funds, you will need to visit the Cashier’s Office with the check that was sent to you to apply it to your account. Or if it was sent via direct deposit, you can make payment by either visiting the Cashiers Office to make payment in person, payment via phone (304)766-3141 or by paying online via [MyState.edu](https://mystate.wvstateu.edu/ssb/twbkwbis.P_WWWLogin).

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