

Minot State University CARES, CRRSAA, and ARP: Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds I, II & III (HEERF I, II & HEERF III) Distribution Report-December 31, 2021

The MSU CARES Distribution Report was first published June 4, 2020. MSU exhausted all funds received under CARES by October 16, 2020 and CRRSAA by June 30, 2021. Last updated: January 10, 2022.

1. MSU signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education the Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants for Students. MSU intends to use the funds designated under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES), Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) and American Recovery Plan Act (ARP) to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
2. MSU received \$637,891 from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under the CARES Act, \$637,891 under CRRSAA and \$2,455,111 under the ARP Act for a total of \$3,730,893.
3. During the fourth quarter ending December 31, 2021, MSU distributed \$98,300 in Emergency Grants to students under the ARP. No funds were distributed under CARES or CRRSAA during this period because CARES funds were completely disbursed by the end of the fourth quarter of 2020 and CRRSAA funds were completely disbursed by the end of the second quarter of 2021.
4. MSU determined that approximately 2320 students at the institution were potentially eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants under the ARP.
5. During the fourth quarter ending December 31, 2021, the total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 314(a)(1) of the ARP is 207.
6. Fourth Quarter 2021 ARP: Students who were enrolled at least half-time in a degree program for fall 2021 who were not pre-selected for an ARP Emergency Grant based on the criteria in the initial ARP selection were given the opportunity to submit an online application for ARP funds from October 4-22, 2021. Information and the application were posted on our website: https://www.minotstateu.edu/finaid/pages/ARP_HEERFIII.shtml. All students eligible to apply for the ARP grant were sent an email reminder on October 20, 2021. We also continued to award students who submitted late FAFSAs and were eligible based on the criteria under the Initial ARP section.

Initial ARP: To determine which students were eligible for Block Grants under ARP, MSU identified students who completed the 2021-22 FAFSA resulting in an EFC of 22000 or less, were enrolled in a degree program, and who were enrolled at least half-time in fall 2021. Those 1095 students received an email (see below) alerting them of their eligibility for the ARP (HEERF III) grants. A funding grid based on FAFSA EFC was established to disburse ARP Grants to students who submitted the form. Students with a 2021-22 FAFSA EFC of 0-6300 received \$1200, EFC of 6301-10500 received \$900, 10501 to 22000 received \$700. An Emergency Grant application will be made available to students who are enrolled at least half-time in a degree program.

7. **Fourth Quarter 2021 ARP:** Eligible students (as described in #6) were emailed about their eligibility to apply for an ARP Emergency Grant on October 20, 2021. MSU also posted a notice at https://www.minotstateu.edu/finaid/pages/ARP_HEERFIII.shtml about the application for ARP Emergency Grants.

Email sent to eligible MSU Students:

Greetings from the Minot State Financial Aid Office!

You are receiving this email because Minot State University has received funding through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) authorized by the American Recovery Plan (ARP) to provide **one-time emergency grants** to students experiencing financial hardships due to the coronavirus pandemic. High need students, as determined by FAFSA results, have been previously prioritized for receipt of the funds in the form of ARP Block Grants which were disbursed on September 30.

Additional funds are now available to students who:

1. Are enrolled at least half-time in a degree program
2. Were not eligible for an ARP Block Grant
3. Have emergency needs related to the coronavirus pandemic

ACTION REQUIRED BY THE END OF THE DAY OCTOBER 22, 2021:

- If you meet the criteria listed above, submit [an application for an ARP Emergency Grant](#)
- Enroll in Direct Deposit in Campus Connection if you are not already enrolled: [Direct Deposit Instructions](#)
- Review and update your HOME address in Campus Connection to ensure that your check (if not enrolled in Direct Deposit) or Direct Deposit notification will be mailed to the correct address
- Cash or deposit your check within 4 weeks of the date issued

ARP Emergency grants are expected to range from \$300 to \$500 and **will be disbursed beginning on the afternoon of October 26**. If you owe a balance to Minot State, you may "opt in" on the application form to have it applied to your fall balance on CC. The application is available [here](#).

We hope this assistance will allow you to continue your academic pursuits and help with any coronavirus pandemic related financial needs you might have including tuition/fees, housing, food, health care (including mental health care), childcare, transportation, and other related expenses.

For more information, please visit: [Federal American Recovery Plan HEERF III website](#).

Contact the Financial Aid Office if you have any questions at 701-858-3375 or financialaid@minotstateu.edu.

Initial ARP: Eligible students were emailed and advised of their eligibility for an ARP HEERF III Block Grant on September 28, 2021. MSU also posted a notice at https://www.minotstateu.edu/finaid/pages/ARP_HEERFIII.shtml about the availability of the ARP funding.

Email sent to eligible MSU Students:

Hello from the MSU Financial Aid Office!

Federal grant funding is available to assist students during the Coronavirus pandemic.

Minot State University has received funding through the **Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III)** authorized by the **American Recovery Plan (ARP)** to provide one-time grants to students for emergency relief. (In 2020, similar funding was known as the CARES Act and earlier this year (2021) funds were available through the CRRSA Act.)

You were determined to be eligible for an MSU Federal ARP Block Grant for fall 2021 based on these criteria:

- Be a US Citizen or Eligible Noncitizen (Permanent Resident)
- Have completed the 2021-22 FAFSA and have an EFC of 22000 or less
- Be enrolled in a degree program at least half-time

Federal ARP Block Grant availability:

- Amounts will range from approximately **\$700 to \$1200** depending on FAFSA results
- Recipients will be able to view their grant funds in Campus Connection under the Financial Aid tile for 2021-22 beginning September 30
- You may choose to have the grant applied to outstanding charges on your fall student account by completing this short form or you can enroll in **Direct Deposit** to receive excess aid, [Direct Deposit Instructions](#)
- **Grants will be disbursed beginning on September 30.** Grants issued by check will be mailed to on-campus or HOME addresses beginning on September 30. Grants issued by Direct Deposit may take up to three business days after September 30 to appear in your account.

ACTION REQUIRED BY THE END OF THE DAY SEPTEMBER 29, 2021:

- No Application is required---you will receive the grant based on the criteria listed above.
- Consider opting-in to have the funds apply to your student account by completing [this short form](#). (Not required)
- Enroll in Direct Deposit in Campus Connection if you are not already enrolled: [Direct Deposit Instructions](#)
- Review and update your HOME address in Campus Connection to ensure that your check (if not enrolled in Direct Deposit) or Direct Deposit notification will be mailed to the correct address.
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