



ARP Act: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

Quarterly Report
December 31, 2021

1. The University of North Carolina at Wilmington has accepted from the Department the Certification and Supplemental Agreement for the award increase dated 5/24/2021. We intend to use the additional \$15,154,349 funds received under Section 314 (a)(1) HEERF III of the American Rescue Plan Act, 2021 (ARP) to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
2. The University of North Carolina at Wilmington has received \$15,154,349 from the Department pursuant to our Certification and Agreement for HEERF III (ARP) Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students. The total received for HEERF I (CARES), HEERF II (CRRSAA), and HEERF III (ARP) Emergency Financial Aid Grants is \$25,720,403.
3. The total amount of HEERF III (ARP) Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students as of December 31, 2021 is \$15,144,106. The total amount for HEERF I (CARES), HEERF II (CRRSAA), and HEERF III (ARP) Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students as of December 31, 2021 is \$25,710,160.
4. As of the Spring 2021 semester, the estimated total number of students at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 314 (a)(1) of HEERF III (ARP) is approximately 13,000.
5. The total number of students at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington who have received a HEERF III (ARP) Emergency Financial Aid Grant as of December 31, 2021 is 8,765.
6. The method used by the University of North Carolina at Wilmington to determine which students receive HEERF III (ARP) Emergency Financial Aid Grants was constructed on a block format based on financial need as measured by the FAFSA. Block allocations ranged from \$1,000- \$3,000 for students who registered and completed their FAFSA prior to July 1, 2021. For students who completed their FAFSA after June 30, 2021, block grants ranged from \$300-\$900 to prevent overspending of funds. Identified non-citizens received \$1,000 as need could not be evaluated from the FAFSA.

In addition, students with special circumstances could apply for support as determined through an application process ranging up to \$3,000.

7. The University notified students as they were identified as eligible for HEERF III (ARP) Emergency Grants based on registration and need. Prior to block grant disbursements each recipient was notified of award via email.

HEERF III (ARP) Emergency Financial Aid Grant funds were also used to support special circumstances awards in August 2021. Postcards were mailed to registered students on August 2, 2021 and an email communication was sent to all students on August 12, 2021.