ARP: American Rescue Plan (HEERF III)

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Fitchburg State University was allocated funding as part of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III). This funding was authorized by the American Rescue Plan (ARP), Public Law 117-2, and signed into law on March 11, 2021. This act requires that $5,788,078 is disbursed to students to cover emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care, or child care. Additionally, this act requires prioritization of students who demonstrate the greatest financial need.

Fall 2021 Disbursement

ARP HEERF III funds were automatically distributed as direct payments to eligible undergraduate, graduate and non-degree seeking students (estimated 6,431 registered students) based on a combination of the number of credit hours a student is registered for in the Fall, 2021 semester and a student's latest Expected Family Contribution (EFC), as of 10/27/2021. The EFC is an index number that is calculated based on the information students provide on their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.gov. As of 10/26/2021 6,431(this represents all students registered for at least 1 course at the time of disbursement) students received a total of $2,906,850 in ARP funding as direct payments.

2021-22 ARP (Fall disbursement)	
Pell full time (12+ credits)	$1,200
Pell part time (1-11 credits)	$650
Non Pell full time (12+ credits)	$500
Non pell part time (1-11 credits)	$250
Graduate student	$250

Spring 2022 Disbursement

ARP HEERF III funds were distributed as direct payments to eligible undergraduate seeking students (estimated 4,894 students registered) based on a combination of the number of credit hours a student is registered for the Spring 2022 semester, available funding, and a student's latest Expected Family Contribution (EFC) as of 1/3/2022, 2389 (this represents all registered UG students registered for at least 1 course at the time of disbursement) students received a total of $2,789,500 in ARP funding as direct payments.

2021-22 ARP (Spring disbursement #1)
Undergraduate students only

Pell full time (12+ credits)	$2,000
Pell part time (1-11 credits)	$1,000
Non Pell full time (12+ credits)	$900
Non pell part time (1-11 credits)	$450

An additional 360 UG students were awarded $162,725 as of 3/31/2022

2021-22 ARP (Spring disbursement #2)
Undergraduate students only

Pell full time (12+ credits)	$1000
Pell part time (1-11 credits)	$500
Non Pell full time (12+ credits)	$425
Non pell part time (1-11 credits)	$225

Of the 704 registered UG summer students, 78 were awarded $24,250 as of 6/30/2022

2021-22 ARP (Summer disbursement)
Undergraduate students only

Pell full time (12+ credits)	$500
Pell part time (1-11 credits)	$250
Non Pell full time (12+ credits)	$0
Non pell part time (1-11 credits)	$0

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Eligible students received payments through direct deposit. Students not yet enrolled in direct deposit should log in to Web4 and follow the direct deposit instructions. Students who are not able to enroll in direct deposit, received a paper check at the student's last known address.

Eligibility

Undergraduate, graduate and non-degree seeking students were eligible to receive ARP HEERF III funds for the Fall, 2021. Undergraduate students were eligible for Spring 2022 semester. Summer disbursements were made to only Pell eligible UG students until all available funding was utilized. As noted above, payment amounts were determined by a combination of the students' credit hours, availability of funding, and their EFC. The EFC (used to determine Pell Grant eligibility and a students financial need) is an index number that is calculated based on the information students provide on their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.gov.