

Notification of American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Funding (HEERF III) – Ellsworth Community College

ECC signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education the Certification and Agreement form confirming the College intends to use the allocated funds received under the ARP program to provide emergency financial aid grants to students.

ECC was allocated and received \$1,082,558 of ARP funds from the U.S. Department of Education to disburse to students whose education was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Emergency grants are awarded to students to assist with any component of the student’s cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care.

Funds are awarded to students who:

- Are enrolled in a degree-seeking program during Fall 2021 or Spring 2022
- Are US citizens, eligible noncitizens or eligible residents
- Have completed a 2021 - 2022 FAFSA with a calculated Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) number
- Are eligible Non-FAFSA filers who are enrolled in an eligible Program for the Fall 2021 or Spring 2022 term

Awards are prioritized to students with the highest need with highest need being those students who are Pell eligible based on the 2021-2022 FAFSA (EFC of \$0-\$5,846). Award amounts were pro-rated based on the student’s enrollment status.

Grants for Fall 2021 or Spring 2022 were awarded as follows (amounts listed are semester awards):

EFC \$0-\$5,846 (highest need students)

12 or more credits	\$1,000
6-11 credits	\$500

EFC Greater than \$5,846 or no EFC/FAFSA

12 or more credits	\$750
6-11 credits	\$375

Students enrolled March 30th, received a *second round* of funding for the following amounts:

EFC \$0-\$5,846 (highest need students)

12 or more credits	\$600
6-11 credits	\$300

EFC Greater than \$5,846 or no EFC/FAFSA

12 or more credits	\$450
6-11 credits	\$225

The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the ARP program as of the date of submission:

**October 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021, \$462,875 was distributed to eligible students.
January 1, 2022 – March 31, 2022, \$612,925 was distributed to eligible students.**

The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under the ARP program:

October 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021, 552 students.

January 1, 2022 – March 31, 2022, 461 students.

Students were notified upon being awarded of the Emergency Financial Aid Grant. Emergency grant funds were refunded directly to students. In cases where students had current outstanding charges, they could voluntarily authorize the college to apply the emergency grant funds directly to their outstanding charges at ECC.