

ARP Student Grant Report
For the 92 day period ending September 30, 2021

In May 2021, Marshall University (MU) received Grant Award Notices from the US Department of Education for funding under the American Rescue Plan Act, 2021 (ARP). As part of the award process, Marshall University has drawn down funds and thereby acknowledged its agreement to the terms of the Certification and Agreement Form. Marshall University also pledges to use at least the amount of funding designated under ARP to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

On May 16, 2021 Marshall was awarded \$13,084,601 from the US Department of Education to fund the portion of the ARP Act awards that is applicable to the Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students. For the Fall 2021 Academic Term, approximately 10,200 MU Students were deemed eligible for Emergency Grants. For the current reporting period ending September 30, \$1,922,400 has been awarded to 1,594 students.

The process for making the Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students was established by senior management and approved on September 3, 2021. For the current reporting period, Technology Grant awards were made to freshman students who were enrolled for a minimum of 12 credit hours and who had not previously enrolled at any Higher Education Institution prior to the Fall 2021 academic term. All eligible students were automatically granted a \$1,200 award without the need for an application or other action on the student's part. An on-line appeal process was established to allow students to challenge eligibility decisions. The appeal process was administered by the MU Office of Student Financial Aid, who approved the ultimate student award eligibility. Also, a limited number of student awards were made based on special "need based" circumstances. Students who disclosed circumstances that warranted a Professional Judgement due to income reduction were contacted individually and encouraged to submit the documentation for income adjustments for Title IV aid.

Additionally, MU established separate procedures and distributed "need based" awards to eligible students on October 5, 2021. Information on those awards will be included in the upcoming report for the 4th quarter of 2021.

The process for awarding grants has been communicated to students using various methods including the posting of notices to the student information portal, postings on the Bursar's web page, e-mail messages, and letters and messages from President Gilbert on the MU web page and social media.

Program Summary Information for the Quarter ending 9-30-2021

ARP Act Award to Marshall for Student Grants	\$13,084,601
Estimated Total # Eligible MU Students	10,200
Total \$ Awarded to Students this Reporting Period	\$1,922,400
Total # Students Awarded this Reporting Period	1,594