

ARP Student Grant Report
For the 92 day period ending December 31, 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 MU 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 current reporting period, approximately 8,800 MU Students were deemed eligible for Emergency Grants and \$7,270,700 has been awarded to 8,619 unduplicated students.

A process for making these “need based” Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students was established by senior management and approved on September 15, 2021. The awards under this procedure were for predetermined amounts based on the Student’s Expected Family Contribution. Students who had not filed a 2021-2022 FAFSA were also eligible for a predetermined dollar award. 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 and amount. 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.

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, targeted mailings, and letters and messages from President Gilbert on the MU web page and social media. Also, a process was established through the MU Student Government Association to encourage any enrolled student to apply through an online application process administered by the MU Budget Office. This process made HEERF awards of \$500 to \$3,000 to students who documented specific financial hardship situations caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. This process is governed by an Administrative Procedure signed by senior management on November 1, 2021.

Program Summary Information for the Quarter ending 12-31-2021

Total All HEERF Awards to MU for Student Grants	\$22,088,541
ARP Act Award to MU for Student Grants	\$13,084,601
Estimated Total # Eligible MU Students this Quarter	8,800
Total \$ Awarded to Students this Reporting Period	\$7,270,700
Total # Unduplicated Students Awarded this Reporting Period	8,619