

ARP Student Funding

Under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III), Johnston Community College (JCC) received funds to provide emergency grants to students with exceptional need to cover expenses related to the cost of attendance (i.e., tuition, food, housing, health care including mental health, transportation or childcare) or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus.

Funds from the HEERF III ARP Emergency Relief Fund are not considered financial aid and do not affect a student's current or future financial aid eligibility. Per guidance from the federal government, increasing funding amounts will be distributed to our students with **exceptional need**.

The second round of funding disbursements were awarded to regular curriculum students excluding Career and College Promise (CCP). Exceptional Need will be identified by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Eligibility Criteria for second round of funding:

Student must be a regular curriculum (excludes CCP) enrolled in the Fall 2021 semester;

- Exceptional need will be determined based on the **2021-2022 FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) received at the time of disbursement;
- Students without a FAFSA were assigned to the lowest tier funding;
- Eligible HEERF students include U.S. citizens and permanent residents, refugees, asylum seekers, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients, other DREAMers, and similar undocumented students;

In accordance with Department of Education guidelines, JCC distributed the second round of ARP emergency funding to eligible students by the following method:

JCC determined which curriculum students received Emergency Financial Aid Grants, and how much they received under the ARP by using a prorated amount from \$1,060 to \$300 depending on their EFC (Expected Family Contribution) score from their completed 2021-2022 FAFSA as of Nov. 3, 2021 (if applicable), and students without a FAFSA were assigned to the lowest tier funding.

- EFC score = 0: \$1,060
- EFC score > 0 and ≤ 5846: \$900
- EFC score > 5846 and ≤ 8500: \$700
- EFC score > 8500 and ≤ 15000: \$500
- EFC score > 15000 or with no EFC (FAFSA): \$300

Students were notified of their eligibility via their JCC email account. If eligible, funds will be processed through student accounts and will be disbursed according to the method of refund chosen through Bank Mobile. Limited funding was available. By accepting these funds, students agree to use funds to cover expenses related to the cost of attendance (i.e., tuition, food, housing, health care including mental health, transportation or childcare) or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus.

Disbursement of \$1,668,720 ARP HEERF III Student Funds for the second round was complete as of Wednesday, December 1, 2021. Refunds will be released beginning on Monday, December 6th depending on your refund preference.

- **JCC will distribute remaining ARP funds in the Spring 2022 semester with a similar process toward the end of the semester.**

- Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the ARP Emergency Financial Aid Grants will be available at www.johnstoncc.edu/CARESACT/StudentFunding.
- If you have a completed 2021-22 FAFSA on file with an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) greater than zero and have experienced significant changes such as employment loss and would like to determine if a professional judgment/financial aid adjustment may be helpful for you, please contact the financial aid office for further guidance.