

## **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, these grants will be distributed to our students with **exceptional need**.

The first round of funding disbursements will be identified by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

### **Eligibility Criteria for first round of funding:**

Student must be a curriculum degree-seeking student enrolled in the Summer 2021 semester and must have submitted a **2020-2021 FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid);

- Be a verified U.S citizen or national, a permanent resident, or an eligible noncitizen and;
- Had a federal (Pell grant) disbursement for Summer 2021 by **July 29, 2021**.

### **In accordance with Department of Education guidelines, JCC distributed the first 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 \$1,000 to \$750 depending on their EFC (Expected Family Contribution) score from their completed 2020-2021 FAFSA, and the student having a federal (Pell grant) disbursement for Summer 2021 by July 29, 2021.

- EFC score = 0: \$1,000
- EFC score > 0 and ≤ 5711: \$750

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 \$318,000 ARP HEERF III Student Funds for the first round was complete as of Tuesday, August 10, 2021.

- **JCC is currently working on a process for future disbursements and notifications will go out to possible eligible students in the forthcoming weeks. \*\***

- 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](http://www.johnstoncc.edu/CARESACT/StudentFunding).