## REPORTING OF ARP EMERGENCY GRANTS TO STUDENTS – 10/1/2021 to 12/31/2021

## **Reporting Requirements**

- The <u>Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III)</u> is authorized by the American Rescue Plan (ARP), Public Law 117-2, signed into law on March 11, 2021, providing \$39.6 billion in support to institutions of higher education to serve students and ensure learning continues during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Higher education institutions receiving ARP funding must post the following information on its website every calendar quarter.

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An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used or intends to use the applicable amount of funds designated under the ARP (a)(1) programs to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.	The signed and submitted CARES Act Certification and Agreement form is on our COVID-19 and CARES ACT website: CARES Act Student Grants Agreement.
	Due to the previous signed and submitted CARES Act Certification and Agreement, an additional certification and agreement document was not necessary.
	ATCC will use no less than the required amount of funds received to provide HEERF grants to students.
The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the ARP (a)(1) programs.	\$1,553,477
The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the ARP (a)(1) programs as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the initial report and every calendar quarter thereafter).	\$1,407,290
The estimated total number of students at the institution eligible to participate in programs under the ARP (a)(1) programs.	1311
The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under the ARP (a)(1) programs.	779

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The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under the ARP (a)(1) programs.	ATCC identified 1311 students eligible to receive ARP Grants who were enrolled in at least one credit as of September 20, 2021.
	Students excluded from this list included:
	<ul> <li>Current high school students (Online College in the High School, concurrent enrollment, PSEO)</li> <li>Farm Business Students</li> <li>Senior Citizen Rate Students</li> <li>Navy Students</li> <li>MinnState Employees</li> <li>Incarcerated Students</li> </ul>
	ATCC is awarding ARP Grants in a few different methods. The first method was to make three-tiered block grants based on the eligible student 2021-2022 FAFSA EFC or self- certification form.
	In an effort to prioritize students with exceptional need, our grant program provides two buckets of funding for students including funding a three-tiered \$1,750/\$1,500/\$300 "block" awards. Eligible students with an EFC range of 0 - 5,846 (Pell eligible EFC range) received \$1,750 (block 1) and non-Pell Grant eligible students with an EFC range of 5,847 – 15,000 received \$1,500 (block 2). Students with an EFC over 15,000 or who have not completed a 2021-2022 FAFSA will be eligible to self-certify that they have at least \$300 in eligible costs and have financial need. These students will receive \$300 (block 3). All eligible students must be in an ATCC academic program to receive a block grant.
	The second method was reserved for individual students who certified expenses including food, housing, course materials, technology, and health care in an online ARP emergency grant application.
	These grants are intended to be used for the cost of attendance or for emergency expenses incurred due to the pandemic, such as tuition, food, housing, or health care, including mental health care.

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Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to student concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

Copies of the following documents are located at alextech.edu/arp-reporting:

- President's September 22, 2021 ARP email to students
- Email to block 3 potentially eligible students
- Emergency grant recipient email
- Tuition statement enclosure (clarification document for students)

The President, Chief Financial Officer, and FA Director presented on the ARP proposed plan at the September 2 & 16, 2021 Student Senate meetings.

COVID-19 funding information is posted on the ATCC website at <a href="mailto:alextech.edu/coronavirus">alextech.edu/coronavirus</a>

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