

Delaware Valley University Quarterly Report for October 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021

United States Department of Education: American Rescue Plan (ARP) (HEERF III) Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students Required Disclosures and Reporting

As of: December 31, 2021

American Rescue Plan (ARP) (HEERF III)

The purpose of this funding is to provide support for students for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care.

Requirement: An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used the applicable amount of funds designated under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.

Delaware Valley University has signed and returned the certification and agreement to the Department of Education. The University will use the designated funds to provide emergency financial aid grants to students.

Requirement: 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 ARP.

The total funding provided to Delaware Valley University for ARP emergency financial aid grants to students: \$2,647,394

Requirement: The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the ARP (i.e., as of the initial report and every calendar quarter thereafter).

- \$0 of ARP emergency grant funding was distributed to students as of September 30, 2021.
- \$1,334,485 of emergency grant funding was distributed to students as of **December 31, 2021**

Requirement: The estimated total number of students at the institution that are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under ARP

Estimated number of students eligible to participate: 1,433

Requirement: The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under ARP.

- Zero students received an ARP (HEERF III) grant as of September 30, 2021
- **1,218 students received an ARP (HEERF III) grant as of December 31, 2021**

Requirement: The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under ARP.

Guidance received by the Department of Education that students should have “exceptional need” when considering students for funding with priority given to those students. Those students with Federal Pell Grants have exceptional need. The university established a tiered awarding approach to awarding eligible students based on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the resulting Expected Family Contribution (EFC). Amounts awarded were based on the calculated EFC. Ranges varied depending on EFC and time of awarding. \$2,000 for highest need students to a minimum amount from \$200 for those deemed to have financial need or otherwise eligible for funding. If students needed additional assistance for hardships related to the COVID -19 pandemic additional funds were considered. Amount was further determined based on enrollment as a full-time student, part time student or graduate/doctoral student. The amounts may vary as students request further assistance.

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

Delaware Valley University emailed all eligible students with instructions to receive the ARP HEERF III funding.

Students could choose on a form whether to apply to their outstanding balance with the university or have the grants refunded to them to meet their educational or living expenses related to the COVID disruptions to their education. If students chose to apply to their outstanding balance the funds were credited by the Office of the Bursar to the student account. If the student chose refund the refund was processed and sent to the student. A timeline for refunds and instructions were presented to the student.

Additional outreach will occur for awarding funding based on needs of the student population or special circumstances for which ARP HEERF III grants will be awarded. At this point in time there is no cap in awarding as the university wishes to help as many students as possible based on needs.

Sample email to eligible students:

From: Bursar & Financial Aid

To: Bursar & Financial Aid <Bursarfa@delval.edu>

Subject: *IMPORTANT* RESPONSE REQUIRED: FEDERAL HEERF GRANT FUNDING

Importance: High

Dear Student,

Please read this email in its entirety.

The **American Rescue Plan (ARP) (HEERF III) Emergency Financial Aid Grants** allocates funds to students under The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) as authorized by the American Rescue Plan (ARP), Public Law 117-2, signed into law on March 11, 2021. These funds support institutions of higher education to serve students and ensure learning continues during the COVID-19 pandemic and

supports emergency funding to support higher education students impacted by the disruption of campus operations.

Based on your FAFSA results, you qualify for Federal HEERF Grant Funding. We are asking that since you have been pre-determined by DelVal as eligible for this funding that you actively respond via this form by (variable) so that we can process the grant funds in a timely and efficient manner. Do not share or forward this link to other students.

Student may use the grants toward:

- Any component of the cost of attendance, including any outstanding student account balance with Delaware Valley University
- Emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as:
 - o Tuition
 - o Food
 - o Housing
 - o Health care (including mental health)
 - o Child care
 - o Technology
 - o Other expenses related to the disruption caused by COVID-19

DelVal has determined that you meet the criteria below and are eligible for funding.

- Enrolled at Delaware Valley University at any time during Spring 2021 and working towards a degree or certificate program
- Have a valid Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on file with Delaware Valley University in order to determine need. Generally, you must meet all general federal aid eligibility requirements in order to receive funding however this can be reviewed by the Office of Financial Aid.
 - o <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/eligibility#eligibility-requirements>

The deadline to file the 2020-2021 FAFSA is June 30, 2021. The deadline for 21-22 FAFSA is June 30, 2022.

We are committed to assisting as many students as possible in a way that best assists you. Awarding and disbursement of the grants will be processed through the Office of Financial Aid the week of XXXX Allow 5 days for eRefunds to be initiated and 10 days for a check to be issued and mailed once the grant funding has been disbursed.

If you have an outstanding student account balance, you now have the option to use the HEERF funds to help satisfy your balance.

You will be required to choose one of the following on the form:

- Apply the grant funds to my outstanding student account balance.*

- Send me the grant funds directly in the form of an eRefund or check.

*Grant funds can be applied to charges from outstanding balances for prior terms if needed or to current semester. If the disbursement of the grant funds results in a credit balance, the credit amount will be refunded to you.

If you do not submit a response by (variable date), then the University will automatically send the grants funds directly to you via eRefund or check according the timeframe above.

You are able to view your student account balance, and the award once disbursed, online at www.delval.edu/touchnet.

We encourage all students who have not already done so to set up an eRefund account in order to expedite receipt of any CRRSSA funding. You do so online at www.delval.edu/touchnet > My Profile Setup > Electronic Refunds.

If you have any questions, please contact us at bursarfa@delval.edu.