



Student Quarterly Report 4th Quarter 2021

The American Rescue Plan, which was signed into law in March 2021, provides economic relief in response to COVID-19. Included in the legislation is the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III), which provides funding to higher education institutions across the country to distribute to students with financial need.

Eligible student groups include citizens, permanent residents, international students, refugees, asylum seekers, DACA recipients, other DREAMers and similar undocumented students. The ARP requires that institutions prioritize students with exceptional need and authorizes grants to students enrolled in both campus and online programs.

ARP funds are in addition to funds previously authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA), 2021, and the Coronavirus Aid, Recovery, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, 2020. These grants are separate from additional financial aid students may receive from Southern Nazarene University.

SNU received \$5,883,081 from Section 2003(a)(1) and Section 2003(a)(2) of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP). Pursuant to the Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students, \$2,817,602 of this allocation has been designated to be distributed to eligible students financially impacted by the coronavirus.

SNU utilized data collected from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as of October 2021 to distribute awards based on financial need to students who were eligible and who completed the required ARP certification. In order to provide transparency and clarity around the awarding process, the following protocol was used. For ARP Emergency Relief Grant funds, the U.S. Department of Education rules stipulates that students who receive Pell Grant funding are to be prioritized. ***SNU has awarded \$1,410,960 in ARP Emergency Relief Grants to a total of 1,632 eligible students who completed the certification process.***

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.

Students who received direct HEERF emergency grants in 2021 were notified via email on November 2, 2021:

OFFICE OF BUSINESS & FINANCE

SOUTHERN NAZARENE UNIVERSITY

November 2, 2021

Hello,

Under the American Recovery Plan (ARP), Southern Nazarene University was awarded funds to help students dealing with financial hardships caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. These funds were made available through ARP Emergency Relief Grants. SNU is bound by the law to adhere to U.S. Department of Education rules and regulations regarding distribution of the ARP funds.

I am pleased to let you know that you have been awarded a \$XXXX ARP Emergency Grant. You have elected to receive the funds via XXXX.

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GROUP #1: Those awarded a Pell Grant for Fall 2021 received \$1,255.00

GROUP #2: Those who were not awarded a Pell Grant for the Fall of 2021 received \$665.00

For those students who selected to have their funds applied to their student accounts, those credits will begin to appear the week of November 7th. As well, students electing to receive the funds via direct deposit (using information the student provided to SNU) should begin to see deposits in their bank accounts the week of November 7th. Finally, SNU will send via the US postal service, to the permanent address the student has on file with SNU, the week of November 14th paper checks for students who elected direct payments but do not have banking information on file with SNU (checks will only be mailed, they are not available for pick-up).

SNU is pleased that we have been able to secure these funds to support our students and families during these challenging days.

A second and final round of ARP Emergency Relief Grants will be awarded in March 2022.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns by contacting the Financial Services team via telephone 405-491-6308

If you have a disability that causes you any difficulty accessing this letter, please contact us for assistance via email at tearl@snu.edu.

God Bless,

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