

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) Reporting

Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) 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.

ARP funds are in addition to funds authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Public Law 116-260 and the Coronavirus Aid, Recovery, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136. Emergency funds available to institutions and their students under all emergency funds total \$76.2 billion.

Reporting as of: **January 5, 2022**

Polaris Career Center was allocated \$359,214 under the ARP from the U.S. Department of Education pursuant to the Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 314(a)(1) of the ARP as of December 31, 2021 is **\$274,897**. Polaris Career Center will report updates every calendar quarter, as awarding emergency funds continues.

The total number of students at the institution eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 314(a)(1) of the ARP as of this report date was ARP was **223**.

The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA was **211**. Polaris Career Center continues to award emergency funds.

Polaris Career Center has established an application process for students to request funds for their expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child-care expenses under Section 314(a)(1) of the ARP. The Emergency Grant Form was available to all students. Award amounts are determined by Polaris Career Center based upon an individualized review of the student emergency grant application in accordance with guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Education. As of October 2021, the average amount awarded to a student was **\$1302**.

Polaris Career Center announced the availability of emergency grants under the ARP via in-person classroom visits between September 7th and 28th, 2021, to all students. Students received follow-up emails to remind them of the grant availability. These student notifications include information that funds may be used for allowable expenses such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care and child care expenses. Polaris Career Center students can visit the Polaris Career Center [Financial Aid webpage](#) for additional information and specific guidance regarding Emergency Financial Aid Grants, including to review program information, eligibility requirements and directions for applying.