

American Rescue Plan Act Emergency Grants to Students Report

Nebraska Wesleyan University
Reporting period ending: 12/31/2021

This report provides details on the allocation Nebraska Wesleyan University received under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund for Emergency Grants to Students as part of Section 2003(a)(1) of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP).

1. As a recipient of funding from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund under the CARES Act, Nebraska Wesleyan University was not required to complete a certification form to receive an award under Section 2003(a)(1) of ARP. Nebraska Wesleyan's ARP allocation for Emergency Grants to Students was processed on 5/20/2021 as a supplement to Award No. P425E201896. Pursuant to the agreement, NWU will distribute the full dollar amount to students as emergency grants.
2. Nebraska Wesleyan University received \$2,356,634 for Emergency Grants to Students under Section 2003(a)(1) of ARP.
3. As of 12/31/2021, Nebraska Wesleyan had distributed \$1,617,384 in emergency grants to students using funds from Section 2003(a)(1) of ARP.
4. According to the U.S. Department of Education's final rule, any student enrolled during the COVID-19 national emergency is eligible to receive an emergency grant. As of 8/2/2021, Nebraska Wesleyan had an estimated 1,816 students enrolled for the Fall 2021 semester.
5. As of 12/31/2021, a total of 1,232 students had received an emergency grant under Section 2003(a)(1) of ARP. The total includes 117 students who received their first Fall 2021 grant during this quarter.
6. Nebraska Wesleyan is using a direct allocation method to distribute ARP funds to students enrolled in the 2021-2022 academic year who provide evidence of financial need. Financial need is demonstrated by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or NWU's alternative financial aid form. NWU prioritized students with exceptional need when setting award amounts. Fall 2021 awards were calculated based on the number of students enrolled as of 8/2/2021. Students were given the option to apply the emergency grant to the unpaid balance of their student account or to receive the funds directly. Students wishing to apply the funds to their student account were required to submit affirmative consent by 8/20/2021. If the student did not consent, the funds were paid to the student via direct deposit or a check.

NWU disbursed a second round of Fall 2021 awards this quarter to students who provided evidence of financial need since the first disbursement in August and to students whose need for financial aid increased. Students were given the option to apply the emergency grant to the unpaid balance of their student account or to receive the funds directly. Students wishing to apply the funds to their student account were required to submit affirmative consent by 11/13/2021. If the student did not consent, the funds were paid to the student via direct deposit or a check.

7. Instructions were provided to students via the [NWU COVID-19 Updates](#) webpage and via email.
 - Information posted to the COVID-19 Updates webpage, including a frequently asked questions document. (8/9/2021)
 - Email sent to students receiving an ARP emergency grant, including the award amount and instructions for selecting a disbursement method. (8/9/2021 and 11/9/2021)
 - Email sent to all employees describing the emergency grant process. (8/9/2021)