

Fresno Pacific University – OPE ID: 001253
American Rescue Plan – Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III
September 30, 2021

As required by the American Rescue Plan Act and in compliance with guidance from the U.S. Department of Education, Fresno Pacific University reports its use of the Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

1. Fresno Pacific University signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education its Certification and Agreement that the university has used, or intends to use, no less than than the amount of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under ARPA .
2. Fresno Pacific University has or will receive \$6,250,195 from the U.S. Department of Education for ARP Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students (HEERF III).
3. As of December 31, 2021, Fresno Pacific University had disbursed \$3,314,471 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants (HEERF III) to students.
4. Fresno Pacific University estimates the number of students in Fall 2021 eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to be 3,600.
5. 2,474 students have been awarded Emergency Financial Aid Grants in amounts ranging from \$140 to \$2,180 as of December 31, 2021.
6. Method of Awarding of Emergency Financial Aid Grants:

ARPA Grant – Student Assistant Grants

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be enrolled in a degree or credential program for 1 or more units in Fall 2021.
- Funds are meant to cover components of the Cost of Attendance (Tuition + Fees, Books, Living Expenses, Food, Transportation, etc.), or expenses related or incurred due to COVID-19.

Awarding Priority

- Awarding is based upon the student’s Expected Family Contribution (EFC) and the number of units in which they are enrolled as of October 1, 2021. Students who do not have an EFC on file are awarded a base amount depending upon the units in which they are enrolled.
- Award amounts increase as the EFC decreases and the number of units increase thus awarding higher grant amounts to students with higher financial need and cost of tuition. Additionally, higher overall awards are given to undergraduate and credential students versus graduate students as grad students are ineligible for Pell funds. According about 80% of the funds expended are designated to students who have an EFC in the Pell-eligible range.

Award Amounts

- Award amounts for Fall 2021 varied between \$140 and \$2,180 per student.

Awarding Process

ARPA Grant

The ARPA Grant is available to all degree and credential students, regardless of citizenship or status, who are enrolled in at least one unit of credit in Fall 2021.

Funds are awarded based upon degree level, enrollment and EFC range with larger awards given to full-time undergraduate and credential students with high financial need. Funds are disbursed according to the following matrixes.

Fall 2021		UNDERGRADUATE/CREDENTIAL			
EFC Range		Units			
Min	Max	1-5	6-8	9-11	12+
0	0	600	760	1,320	1,640
>0	10K	520	680	1,160	1,480
>10K	20K	440	600	1,000	1,320
>20K	30K	360	520	840	1,160
>30K		280	440	680	1,000
No FAFSA		200	360	520	840

Fall 2021		GRADUATE/SEMINARY			
EFC Range		Units			
Min	Max	1-5	6-8	9-11	12+
0	0	300	380	660	820
>0	10K	260	340	580	740
>10K	20K	220	300	500	660
>20K	30K	180	260	420	580
>30K		140	220	340	500
No FAFSA		100	180	260	420

7. Communications to Students

A. All students enrolled in Fall 2021 were notified by email of the availability of the ARPA Grant:

- a. Email 1

[Claim Your American Rescue Plan Award \(ARPA\) by October 1, 2021](#)

Dear Student,

You can receive up to \$1,640 in free federal grant money in Fall 2021 to help cover university expenses like tuition, books, housing, food, childcare, etc. The American Rescue Plan Award (ARPA) grant does not have to be paid back. The federal government has sent Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds to Fresno Pacific University to provide financial assistance grants to students during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Who is eligible for an ARPA?

- Undergraduate and graduate degree and credential students
- Enrolled in Fall 2021 for one or more credits on October 2, 2021
- Students in all statuses: U.S. Citizens, Permanent Residents, Dreamer, DACA, undocumented, international, etc.

ARPA grant amounts

ARPA grant amounts vary from \$100 to \$1,650 depending on program, enrollment, and FAFSA EFC (including non-FAFSA filers). See how much you can get by going to fpu.edu/ARPA

Complete the Grant Consent Form by October 1, 2021

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Additional details

More information about the ARPA grant, including a FAQ, can be found on the ARPA webpage at fpu.edu/ARPA

If you still have questions about the ARPA grant after reading the FAQ, please [email](#) Student Financial Services.

We hope that you will find these additional funds for the Fall semester to be a blessing.

Sincerely,

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Ask Sunny the Chatbot: "American Rescue Plan"

www.fresno.edu/sfs

sfs@fresno.edu

b. Email 2

Reminder: Fall 2021 ARPA Grant

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c. Email 3

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- B. The Grant Consent form is completed by recipients to provide affirmative consent to apply funds to the student account.

FRESNO PACIFIC
UNIVERSITYGrant Consent

First Name [REDACTED]	Middle Name [REDACTED]	Last Name [REDACTED]
Student ID [REDACTED]	Birth Date [REDACTED]	School Year 2021-2022
Street Address [REDACTED]		City Fresno
State CA	Zip Code 93726	Email Address [REDACTED]

The above address is correct.

My address needs to be updated.

See your grant amount by going to www.fresno.edu/arpa (<https://www.fresno.edu/arpa>).

Consent:

YES - Apply my grant(s) to my student account. I understand any remaining credit will be sent to me by check or electronic refund through the Financial Aid Credit Disbursement process which occurs every two weeks.

NO - I will wait to have my grant(s) sent directly to me until all recipients who chose to have their grant(s) applied to their student account are processed.

Conditions & Submission

By submitting this form, I certify that all the information reported on it is complete and correct and I agree to the following conditions: 1) My grant(s) is/are issued subject to the availability of funds and may be canceled or reduced if I do not respond to my grant offer by the deadline shown on my notification(s). 2) This consent shall remain in force for all grants offered to me directly or through the Edquity application by Fresno Pacific University funded by the HEERF I, II, III student assistance portion funds, institutional portion funds, MSI portion funds, or any subsequent HEERF program(s) regardless of fund categorization. 3) I may change my consent for future unprocessed grant disbursements, if any, by submitting another Grant Consent Form. Fresno Pacific University will use the most recent form submission to determine my consent and, in the case of multiple submissions on the same day, FPU will determine a 'No' response to be the most recent submission. Any change in my consent received after a processing list has been created will take effect for the next disbursement, if any. 4) Lost grant disbursement checks will not be reissued until 45 days after mailing due to ongoing postal delays.

C. Flyers were also posted at all campuses.



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fpu.edu/ARPA

- D. A webpage <https://fresno.edu/ARPA> was also created to explain the program, the award amounts, and provide answers to frequently asked questions. (Note: Grant amounts were increased after the publication of this webpage.)

[Latest COVID-19 information available here](https://www.fresno.edu/coronavirus)
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American Rescue Plan Award (ARPA)

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[Claim your ARPA](#)

Fall 2021 Undergraduate/Credential Enrolled Student Award Amounts per EFC/Credit Load

Enrolled Credits as of October 2, 2021

Fall 2021	1-5	6-8	9-11	12+
FAFSA \$0 EFC	\$600	\$760	\$1,320	\$1,640
FAFSA >0 - 10K EFC	\$520	\$680	Unenrolled Fall 2021	

Fall 2021	1-5	6-8	9-11	12+
FAFSA >10K - 20K EFC	\$440	\$600	\$1,000	\$1,320
FAFSA >20K - 30K EFC	\$360	\$520	\$840	\$1,160
FAFSA >30K+ EFC	\$280	\$440	\$680	\$1,000
No FAFSA	\$200	\$360	\$520	\$840

Fall 2021 Graduate Enrolled Student Award Amounts per EFC/Credit Load

Enrolled Credits as of October 2, 2021

Fall 2021	1-5	6-8	9-11	12+
FAFSA \$0 EFC	\$300	\$380	\$680	\$820
FAFSA >0 - 10K EFC	\$260	\$340	\$580	\$740
FAFSA >10K - 20K EFC	\$220	\$300	\$500	\$660
FAFSA >20K - 30K EFC	\$180	\$260	\$420	\$580
FAFSA >30K+ EFC	\$140	\$220	\$340	\$500
No FAFSA	\$100	\$180	\$260	\$420

The American Rescue Plan Awards for Fall 2021 will be processed the week of October 11, 2021. Funds are only available to degree or credential-seeking students. Students with exceptional financial need may apply for additional funding through the Edquity app which will be available October 1, 2021.

What must I do to receive this money? [#receive-money]

Who is eligible to receive this award? [#receive-award]

How much could I receive? [#how-much]

When and how will I receive this money? [#when-how]


[QUESTIONS? ASK SUNNY](#)

What can I use the ARPA funds for? [#ARPA]
Is this award considered financial aid? [#is-aid]
Will I pay income tax on the ARPA funds? [#pay-funds]
Can I still complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid(FAFSA)? [#complete-faf]
How do I know what my FAFSA EFC is? [#how-efc]
What if I can't complete the FAFSA? [#cant-complete]

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But Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but for God all things are POSSIBLE."
Matthew 19:26 NRSV

