



American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 – HEERF III

FEDERAL STUDENT EMERGENCY RELIEF FUNDS UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARP) OF 2021

1. The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) provided the U.S. Department of Education \$39.6 billion in the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III), to support institutions of higher education. In May 2021, Oakland University received \$19,783,510 in ARP funding for Emergency Grants for students.
2. Acknowledgement: Oakland University acknowledges that it signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement and assures it has or intends to use all funds allocated for Emergency Grants received under ARP to provide Emergency Grants to students.

As of September 30, 2021, Oakland University has distributed **\$2,362,000** of the ARP funds allocated for Emergency Grants students.

3. Total amount of funds the Oakland University will or has received from the Department for Emergency Grants to Students: **\$19,783,510** in ARP funds were received.
4. Total amount of ARP Emergency Grants distributed to students: **\$2,362,000**
5. Total number of students who have received an ARP Emergency Grants: **6,977**
6. The method(s) used by Oakland University to determine which students receive Emergency Grants:

With guidance from the U.S. Department of Education, a committee collaborated with OU leadership to establish the following criteria:

Emergency Grants were disbursed to eligible students who were enrolled in the **Summer II 2021** semester. These grants were automatic; no application process was necessary.

Eligibility:

- Must be a degree-seeking undergraduate or graduate student
 - includes those pursuing a second bachelor's degree or initial teaching certificate at Oakland University
 - must be enrolled in Summer 2021 for at least 1 credit hour as of **July 7, 2021**

Grant amounts:

- Enrolled **full-time** (minimum 12 credit hours for undergraduate students; minimum 8 credit hours for graduate students)
 - \$1,000 award granted to students if their FAFSA was received for 2020-21 with an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of less than \$8,000
 - \$800 award granted to students if their FAFSA was received for 2020-21 with an EFC greater than or equal to \$8,000
 - \$500 award granted to students who did not submit a FAFSA for 2020-21
- Enrolled **part-time** (minimum 1 credit hour for undergraduate or graduate students)
 - \$200 award granted to students if a FAFSA was or was not received for 2020-21

Please note these are automatic grants (no application process necessary) and will be distributed in the same manner as financial aid refunds. *These grants do not need to be repaid.*

If you are eligible: You will be notified about the award via your OU email. To receive your funds the fastest and safest way, please enroll in OU non-payroll direct deposit. If you are currently enrolled in direct deposit, please confirm that your banking information is accurate in MySAIL.

If you are not eligible and have a financial hardship: You may apply for OU's Student Emergency Relief Fund.

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

<https://www.oakland.edu/financialservices/available-financial-assistance/>