

ARP ACT

HIGHER EDUCATION EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND III REPORTING – EMERGENCY FINANCIAL AID GRANTS TO STUDENTS

Autry Technology Center signed and returned to the US Department of Education the Certification and Agreement and assures that Autry has used the applicable amount of funds designated under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 program to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

Autry Technology Center received from the US Department of Education pursuant to our Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under the ARP (a)(4) program an amount of \$440,712.00. Currently, the total amount of \$440,712.00 has been distributed to students.

The methodology used by the Department of Education to determine Autry's allocation only included Pell, and Cohort FT and HT students from IPEDS.

The estimated total number of students at Autry Technology Center eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the ARP (a)(1) programs was 277.

The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under the ARP (a)(4) program was 277.

Distribution of the disbursement of the student grants was determined by need priority. The grant consisted of three determining factors. The first was the cost of the student's tuition for the fall semester, (the fall semester student tuition totaled \$204,950.00). The second was Pell eligible students with an Estimated Family Contribution equal to zero received additional funds, (the 43 students with an EFC equal to 0 totaled \$4,300.00). The third was a straight proration calculation used for the remainder of the ARP funds, (the remainder after the first and second factors totaled \$231,462.00). All 277 eligible postsecondary students enrolled in an approved program received \$835.60. Autry provided an additional \$110 to the disbursement of the Student Portion of the grant so that the prorated student disbursement amount was rounded up to the nearest dollar, \$836.00. The student's disbursement amount took into consideration all three determining factors to ensure the grant was prioritized on student need.

Following are the instructions, directions and guidance provided by Autry to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grant.

- Students were contacted and given an application in person by an Autry Student Services employee.

Eligible students completed and signed an application certifying that the relief funds should solely be used for cost of attendance and/or emergency costs that arise due to COVID. Students also checked all expense categories that applied:

- Tuition
- Housing
- Food
- Course-Related Materials
- Transportation
- Technology
- Child Care
- Health Care
- Emergency Costs due to COVID

The following self-certification statement was listed on the student application.

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT:

I, (Print full name) _____, attest, under penalty of perjury, that relief funds provided by the American Rescue Plan (HEERF III) will be used solely for cost of attendance and/or emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus (including but not limited to tuition, food, housing, health care, child care and course-related materials or services such as technology) and that all information provided as part of this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

The application was available at Autry for the student to complete, verify and sign.

The application was completed and signed before the check was made available to the student. The completed applications will be scanned to a secure network folder online for safekeeping. The actual applications will be kept in the business office.