ARP Act Reporting (HEERF III)

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Reporting
Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students
Western Michigan University

January 10, 2022

1. Western Michigan University is distributing ARP Act funds allocated for Emergency Financial Aid grants to students.

2. Western Michigan University received $22,060,846 from the ARP Act for the purposes of Emergency Financial Aid grants for students.

3. Western Michigan University has distributed $20,597,450 of federal funds in Emergency Financial Aid grants to students as of January 10, 2022.

4. Western Michigan University has distributed Emergency Financial Aid grants to 15,785 students.

5. Students were notified via their WMU email that they were eligible to receive an emergency grant. Data pulled from Institutional Research and system generated data reports from Student Financial Aid were reviewed to determine enrollment status in Spring 2021, Summer I 2021 and Summer II 2021. Students who graduated in the Spring or Summer I sessions were excluded from eligibility unless they continued on into a new degree program and demonstrated continuous enrollment into Summer II 2021. Pell eligible, undergraduate students (in either the 2020-21 or the 2021-22 academic year) were awarded block emergency grants of $2,750. Undergraduate and graduate students whose FAFSA EFCs did not qualify to receive a Pell grant, received an emergency block grant for $1,100 if their FAFSA EFC was under 30,000. All other students, (except guest students and SCOPE students) received an emergency block grant for $600. Eligible international students were awarded $600 unless the Accounts Receivable office determined that they were ineligible to receive funds in addition to those already being provided.

6. The email notice that was sent to current students on 8/10/2021, 8/16/2021 and 8/29/2021 provided information regarding the emergency grant funds that would be received. It also instructed students to visit GoWMU regarding the status of their refund. The HEERF webpage of the Student Financial Aid website was updated to notify students of the emergency funding and provided them with information.

7. The University is reviewing emergency outreach surveys obtained from currently enrolled students for Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 to determine how the remaining funds will be awarded to support the needs of our students.