

ARP funds information

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1. The Northeast Higher Education District (NHED) consisting of Hibbing Community College, Itasca Community College, Mesabi Range Community College, Rainy River Community College and Vermilion Community College, completed the required certification to receive funding from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
2. NHED has received \$5,239,988 in ARP funds for the 2021-2022 academic year.
3. As of December 10th, 2021, NHED has distributed \$2,918,247 in emergency grant payments to eligible students through direct grants (\$2,754,300) and application-based grants (\$163,947). NHED is currently in the process of developing an ARP distribution plan for direct and application based funds for students enrolled in the 2021-2022 Spring semester.
4. Approximately 1516 students have received ARP funding through direct or application-based grants.
5. Eligibility criteria for ARP funding was determined based on guidance from the U.S. Department of education and the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Office of General Counsel.

In Fall 2021, direct grants were distributed to students with demonstrated need according to their calculated Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) as determined by their completed 2021-2022 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Direct grants of \$1425 were distributed to 1516 students with EFCs below 15,000. Of those students, 1188 were Pell-eligible and received a supplemental award amount of \$500 for a total direct grant of \$1925.

The application-based Student Emergency Fund grants are being prioritized to serve students with exceptional need whose lives were disrupted by COVID 19 as related to the Cost Attendance at the College (tuition, food, housing, health care, and childcare) with awards up to \$1000.

*Students with exceptional need are encouraged to contact their Financial Aid Office for information on how to apply for ARP emergency funds.

Students with questions about receiving direct grant funds may contact the Financial Aid office.

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