

# Student Share Report as of 12/31/2021

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## Distribution

In the quarter ending on December 31, 2021, St. Cloud State University distributed \$6,757,542 of American Rescue Plan (ARP) student share funding to 6,924 students through direct Emergency Financial Aid grants to students.

Since the original distribution of relief funding through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF), St. Cloud State University has awarded Emergency Financial Aid Grants totaling \$16,712,382 to 12,070 students.

## Eligibility

The ARP funding requires that institutions prioritize students with exceptional need, such as students who receive Pell Grants or undergraduates with extraordinary financial circumstances, in awarding emergency financial aid grants to students. While all students enrolled after March 13, 2020 are eligible, priority will be given to students based on current guidance from the U.S. Department of Education who have emergency financial needs related to the pandemic.

Since spring semester 2020, St. Cloud State University enrolled approximately 22,446 students who were eligible for ARP funding.

## Process

In October 2021, St. Cloud State University made a base distribution to all degree seeking students enrolled on a half time or greater basis (with the exception of those individuals employed by the Minnesota State System and receiving employee tuition waivers). Incremental increases to the base award were made according to an index using characteristics of demonstrated financial need, first generation status, state of residence, undeclared major, freshman or sophomore status, and having dependent(s).

During this quarter, St. Cloud State University continued to make ARP Emergency Grants to students through a brief, online application that was widely publicized. Eligible students who had expenses including items like tuition, food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care were able to complete the application. These emergency funds could be applied directly to institutional charges on a student's account or disbursed directly to the student, based on the student's preference. Awards were made based on the order applications were received throughout the quarter.

## Instructions and Guidance

Recipients of the October 2021 base distribution received an email message from President Wacker outlining the distribution process, indicating the specific amount the student would receive, advising students of the purpose of the funds, and providing information on additional resources available to assist students during the pandemic.