

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act, 2021 – HEERF III Student Aid Portion Plan

Texas A&M University-Kingsville received additional Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds III (HEERF III) through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP), 2021, Public Law 117-2, signed into law by President Joe Biden on March 11, 2021. Taken together, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) (Pub. L. 116–136), the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) (Pub. L. 116-260), and the ARP represent HEERF I, HEERF II, and HEERF III, respectively.

1. Texas A&M-Kingsville acknowledges that the university signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement. The institution further certifies it will use a minimum of 50% of the funds, or \$10,694,992, received under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

2. Texas A&M-Kingsville received \$10,694,992 from the Department pursuant to the university's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the ARP Act as of September 30, 2021 is \$4,432,850 (Fall 2021).

4. The estimated total number of students at Texas A&M-Kingsville eligible to participate to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under the ARP Act is 6,186.

5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under the ARP Act is 4,211 as of the date listed in number 3 above.

6. Texas A&M-Kingsville has awarded individual student grants in the range of \$200 to \$1,500 under the ARP Act. The methods used to determine which and how much students received in ARP Act (HEERF III) funds for fall 2021 are as follows: a) A HEERFIII Application was available through the Blue and Gold student portal. Students were encouraged to apply during a specific application period and certify they were impacted by COVID-19 by selecting a category from a menu of options. b) ARP Act (HEERFIII) funds were awarded based on the following blocks:

- Undergraduate Students, Pell-eligible, Zero (0) Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) were awarded \$1,500 in emergency grant funding if enrolled full-time. Those who were enrolled less-than full-time received a prorated award based on their enrollment status.
- Undergraduate students with EFCs between \$1-\$6,000 and Graduate students with Zero EFCs were eligible for up to \$1,250 in emergency grant funding if enrolled full-time. Those who are enrolled less-than full-time received a prorated award based on their enrollment status.
- Undergraduate students with EFCs over \$6,000 and graduate students with EFCs between \$1-\$6,000 were eligible for up to \$800 in emergency grant funding if enrolled full-time. Those who are enrolled less-than full-time received a prorated award based on their enrollment status.
- Undergraduate and graduate students with and EFC over 6,000 or no FAFSA were eligible for up to \$800 in emergency grant funding if enrolled full-time. Those who are enrolled less-than full-time received a prorated award based on their enrollment status.

7. Instructions provided by Texas A&M-Kingsville to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants can be found on our dedicated webpage: [Texas A&M Kingsville Updates | Texas A&M University Kingsville \(tamuk.edu\)](https://www.tamuk.edu/tamukupdates) and [Javelina Rebound | Texas A&M University Kingsville \(tamuk.edu\)](https://www.tamuk.edu/javelinarebound)

8. Texas A&M-Kingsville has continued to pay all of its employees and contractors during the period of any disruptions or closures to the greatest extent practicable in compliance with Section 18006 of the CARES Act.