

**Notre Dame of Maryland University  
ARP – Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III**

The American Rescue Plan (ARP), was passed on March 11, 2021 and authorized the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) III.

As a part of the previous Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Securities (CARES) Act, Notre Dame of Maryland University (“NDMU” or “the University”) signed and returned a Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students on April 10, 2020. An updated Certification and Agreement for HEERF III was automatically approved upon drawing down funds.

NDMU received \$1,446,996 from the U.S. Department of Education (“USDE”) to award Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

As of June 30, 2021, NDMU has distributed \$1,446,996 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students from the “Student Aid Portion” of funds received from USDE, as well as \$2,407 from the “Institutional Portion” of funds received from USDE (\$1,449,400 total).

NDMU estimates that at the time of awarding 2,300 students in the Women’s College, College of Adult Undergraduate, College of Graduate and Professional Studies (including School of Pharmacy) and NDMU Online were eligible under the program.

As of June 30, 2021, NDMU has distributed Emergency Financial Aid Grants to 1,434 students.

NDMU prioritized and distributed Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the ARP based on *exceptional need*. The following table illustrates the award levels:

<b>Category of Student</b>	<b>Award</b>	<b>Prioritization of Exceptional Need</b>
Traditional, undergraduate <i>Women’s College (WC)</i>	\$0 EFC = \$2,800 \$1 - \$10,000 EFC = \$2,300 \$10,001 - \$20,000 EFC = \$1,725 \$20,000+ EFC = \$1,000 No EFC/FAFSA = \$1,000	High
Non-traditional, undergraduate <i>College of Undergraduate Studies (CAUS)</i>	\$0 EFC = \$2,400 \$1 - \$10,000 EFC = \$1,900 \$10,001 - \$20,000 EFC = \$1,325 \$20,000+ EFC = \$600 No EFC/FAFSA = \$600	High
Non-traditional, undergraduate <i>NDMU Online &amp; Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN)</i>	\$500	Medium

Graduate (Pharm.D.) <i>School of Pharmacy – College of Graduate and Professional Studies (GRAD)</i>	\$1000	Medium-High
Graduate (including Ph.D.) <i>College of Graduate and Professional Studies (GRAD) – Other</i>	\$500	Medium
<i>Employer Supported CAUS &amp; GRAD, Spring 2021 Graduates, Employees &amp; Employee Dependents, Graduate Assistants</i>	\$0	Low

NDMU students who received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant were provided with an email which included the following guidance: “...institutions of higher education were provided with HEERF III to provide emergency financial aid grants to students to be used for any component of a student’s cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to COVID-19, such as tuition, food, housing, healthcare (including mental healthcare), or childcare.” Additionally, the University informed students that “Emergency financial aid grants to students under the HEERF program are NOT [taxable](#).” Students were informed of the ability to opt-in via NDMU’s web portal to apply Emergency Financial Aid Grant funds to their student account. However, students were also informed that “**If you do not want to have these funds applied to your NDMU Student Account, no action is required on your part.** A check or electronic payment will be automatically distributed directly to the student after June 11, 2021”

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