

# American Recovery Plan (ARP) - HEERFF III

## Quarterly Report September 2021

1. Gannon University has signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used, or intends to use, no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 314(a)(4) of the American Recovery Plan (ARP) to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
2. The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

*Gannon University has received \$3,764,601 in funds from the Department of Education to provide emergency financial aid grants to students.*

3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 314(a)(1) and (a)(4) of ARP as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the 30-day Report and every 45 days thereafter).

*As of Monday, September 27, 2021 the university has distributed \$2,473,025.*

4. The estimated total number of students at the institution eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 314(a)(1) and (a)(4) of ARP.

*As of the start of the 2021 fall semester, the university estimates that 4,114 of our students are eligible to receive an ARP emergency grant.*

5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 314(a)(1) and (a)(4) of ARP.

*As of Wednesday, July 14, 2021 the university awarded 2,851 students with emergency financial aid grants.*

6. The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 314(a)(1) of CRRSAA.

*The university will award ARP grant funds via a block grant process. Award values will range from \$150 - \$2,000 based on a student's EFC and enrollment status.*

7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

*As part of the Federal Government COVID relief plan, Gannon University has received*

its allocation of [American Recovery Plan \(ARP\)](#) funds for higher education emergency relief.

The University received \$3.7 million from the federal government and is forwarding this support directly to students via direct deposit or check. **The payments are expected to begin the week of Aug. 2.**

**For eligible students to receive these funds via direct deposit, please ensure you are signed up for direct deposit by this Sunday, July 25.** See instruction below on how to complete this.

Additional details on eligibility, funding amounts that will be awarded, and more are outlined below.

### **How may a student use the ARP emergency financial aid grant?**

Emergency financial aid grants may be used by students for any component of their cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or childcare. Students determine how they may use their emergency financial aid grant within the allowable uses.

### **Who is eligible to receive funds?**

If you meet the following eligibility, the Financial Aid Office will notify you the **week of July 26** that you will be receiving funds. If you do not receive notification from the Financial Aid Office, this means you are not eligible to receive this funding.

There are two eligibility requirements. A student must meet both requirements to receive ARP funds:

1. The student must have been enrolled at Gannon University on or after March 13, 2020, the date of declaration of the national emergency due to the coronavirus (i.e. Returning students) **AND**
2. The student must be currently enrolled at Gannon University, in a degree seeking program, for the upcoming fall 2021 semester.

### **Are new students eligible to receive ARP funds?**

As per the guidance published by the Department of Education, an eligible student must have been enrolled at Gannon University on or after March 13, 2020, the date of declaration of the national emergency due to the coronavirus. For students, whose enrollment begins 21/Fall semester the university is currently formulating a plan, utilizing ARP funds that will be held in reserve to address the needs of the incoming student population after the beginning of the 21/FA semester. Please expect future communications to follow regarding this plan after the start of the fall semester.

### **How do I apply for ARP funds?**

Students do not need to apply for ARP funds. Awards will be distributed automatically for all eligible students beginning at the end of July 2021.

**How will award amounts be determined?**

The university will use a tiered awarding scale for determining ARP awards. Based on the 2021 FAFSA, full-time undergraduates will receive an ARP award ranging between \$300 and \$2,000. Part-Time students will receive an award ranging between \$150 - \$1,000. Graduate students will receive an award ranging between \$300 - \$600.

**If eligible, how much should I expect to receive?**

For undergraduate students, awarding tiers will be based on a student's expected family contribution (EFC) and enrollment status for the 21/Fall semester. Your EFC is an index number that measures a student's and the family's ability to pay postsecondary expenses. The information you report on your FAFSA, including specific tax information and family income, is used to calculate your EFC. Graduate students will receive an award ranging between \$300 - \$600, regardless of EFC or enrollment status. Please note that eligibility and award values were based on a student's EFC and enrollment status as of Thursday, July 15, 2021.

<i>EFC Range</i>	<i>FT UG Award Value</i>	<i>PT UG Award Value</i>
<i>0 to 5846</i>	<i>\$2,000</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>
<i>5847 to 10000</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>	<i>\$500</i>
<i>10001 to 15000</i>	<i>\$900</i>	<i>\$450</i>
<i>15001 to 20000</i>	<i>\$900</i>	<i>\$450</i>
<i>20001 to 25000</i>	<i>\$800</i>	<i>\$400</i>
<i>25000 to 30000</i>	<i>\$800</i>	<i>\$400</i>
<i>30001 and over</i>	<i>\$550</i>	<i>\$275</i>
<i>Non FAFSA Filers</i>	<i>\$300</i>	<i>\$150</i>
<i>Graduate FAFSA Filers</i>	<i>\$600</i>	<i>\$600</i>
<i>Graduate Non FAFSA Filers</i>	<i>\$300 - \$600</i>	<i>\$300 - \$600</i>

**What if I still have additional unmet financial need?**

Students demonstrating exceptional need are encouraged to contact the Financial Aid Office and speak with a counselor to explore alternative financing options and payment plans. The Financial Aid Office may be reached via phone at 814-871-7337, email at [financialaid@gannon.edu](mailto:financialaid@gannon.edu), or in-person appointments, which are available Monday – Friday between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

### ***How will I receive my ARP funding?***

*Students who have previously set up direct deposit through the Cashier's Office should expect the ARP award to be deposited into the checking or savings account you have on file. Students who have not established direct deposit will have a check mailed to their home address.*

### ***How do I setup direct deposit?***

*To receive your award via direct deposit, ensure you have this setup by this **Sunday, July 25** through the following steps:*

- 1. Login to [my.gannon.edu](https://my.gannon.edu)*
- 2. Go to: GUXpress*
- 3. Select: Students*
- 4. Select: Student Account Center*
- 5. Select: **Bank Info (U.S.) for Direct Deposit***
  - Complete the information requested*
  - Agree to the terms and conditions, and submit*
  - Future disbursements will then be direct deposited*

*Students may review existing direct deposit information by following the steps listed above. Please note that for security purposes, only the last digits of your banking account will be visible when reviewing previously saved information.*

*If you have a question or a comment, you can submit it to [financialaid@gannon.edu](mailto:financialaid@gannon.edu).*