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### American Rescue Plan, ARP HEERF III

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III) is authorized by the American Rescue Plan, 2021 (ARP), signed into law on March 11, 2021. This fund allows Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing and St. Peter's Hospital College of Nursing to provide emergency grants to students for expenses related to any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus.

St. Peter's Hospital College of Nursing and Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement to the Department on June 5th, 2020. At least 50 percent of the total allocation received under Section 18004(a) (1) of the funds will provide emergency aid to students.

### **Who is eligible to receive ARP, HEERF III funding?**

- Matriculated during the Fall 2021 semester
- Application submission attesting to incurring unexpected expenses, unmet financial need, or expenses related to the disruption of campus operations resulting from the coronavirus.
- Grant applications were posted to MESA for students to complete on 8/19/2021. Signs were also posted on campus.

St. Peter's Health Partners Schools of Nursing understands you may have incurred expenses such as any component of the cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arose due to coronavirus, such as tuition & fees, school supplies, technology (including internet access, software, computer, etc.) food, housing, healthcare (including mental health care) and/or child care. If you have incurred additional expenses as described above and meet eligibility requirements, please complete the application located in MESA and return to student services. Due date to complete ARP HEERF III Grant application for the fall semester was 9/20/2021.

### **What expenses can be covered with ARP funding?**

Grants awarded are intended to reduce financial hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic, but in some instances will not fully resolve or remove the financial burden. Examples of COVID-19 related expenses eligible for grant consideration include, but are not limited to:

Any component of a student's Cost of Attendance:

Tuition

Food

Housing

Healthcare (including mental health)

Childcare

### **Can I use my ARP payment towards a current/past due balance?**

Yes. Per federal guidance, emergency cash grants to students can be applied towards outstanding balances.

**How were ARP awards for Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing determined? (Method used to determine awards)**

four (4) tiered distribution block grants were created based on a student’s 2021-2022 Expected Family Contribution (EFC) prioritizing those students by greatest financial need. If no FAFSA was on file, the Financial Aid Director confirmed citizenship status with the admissions department and categorized need levels based on Tier 4. formula:

Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing block grant formula:

Tier	2021-2022 FAFSA EFC	# of Students	Amount	Total Amount
1	\$0-5,846	54	\$1,300	\$70,200
2	\$5,847-9,999	10	\$800	\$8,000
3	\$10,000-19,999	16	\$550	\$8,800
4	\$20,000 + No FAFSA	10	\$300	\$3,000
<b>Total:</b>		<b>90 students</b>		<b>\$90,000</b>

As of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021, Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing has awarded and disbursed \$90,000 in HEERF III emergency grants.

As of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021, Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing has estimated, awarded and disbursed an emergency grant to 90 students.

As of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021, Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing has been awarded \$172,927 in HEERF III: Student Aid Portion for Public and Nonprofit Institutions (a)(1).

A similar set of block awards will be distributed to Samaritan hospital school of nursing students in Spring 2022 to distribute the remaining balance of \$82,927 in emergency grants.

**How were ARP awards for St. Peter's Hospital College of Nursing determined? (Method used to determine awards)**

four (4) tiered distribution block grants were created based on a student’s 2021-2022 Expected Family Contribution (EFC) prioritizing those students by greatest financial need. If no FAFSA was on file, the Financial Aid Director confirmed citizenship status with the admissions department and categorized need levels based on Tier 4. formula:

St Peter's Hospital College of Nursing, block grant formula:

Tier	2021-2022 FAFSA EFC	# of Students	Amount	Total Amount
1	\$0-\$5,846	50	\$1,200	\$60,000
2	\$5,847-9,999	18	\$700	\$12,600
3	\$10,000-19,999	9	\$500	\$4,500
4	\$20,000 + No FAFSA	15	\$250	\$3,750
<b>Total:</b>		<b>92 students</b>		<b>\$80,850</b>

As of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021, St. Peter's Hospital College of Nursing has awarded and disbursed \$79,900 in HEERF III emergency grants.

As of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021, St. Peter's Hospital College of Nursing has estimated, awarded and disbursed an emergency grant to 92 students.

As of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021, St. Peter's Hospital College of Nursing has been awarded \$151,869 in HEERF III: Student Aid Portion for Public and Nonprofit Institutions (a)(1).

A similar set of block awards will be distributed to St. Peter's Hospital College of Nursing students in Spring 2022 to distribute the remaining balance of \$71,969 in emergency grants.