



**THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021
HIGHER EDUCATION EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND III (ARP HEERF III)
UNDER THE TITLE VIII CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT (CARES)**

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) is authorized by the American Rescue Plan (ARP), Public Law 117-2, signed into law on March 11, 2021, providing \$39.6 billion in support to institutions of higher education to serve students and ensure learning continues during the COVID-19 pandemic.

ARP funds are in addition to funds authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Public Law 116-260 and the Coronavirus Aid, Recovery, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136. Emergency funds available to institutions and their students under all emergency funds total \$76.2 billion.

The U.S. Department of Education has approved Rockland BOCES to administer the ARP HEERF III to students with exceptional needs during the coronavirus pandemic in academic year of 2021-2022. Higher education students, who may be Pell or Non-Pell recipients, may be eligible to receive the ARP HEERF III funds for emergency costs in food, housing, childcare, or healthcare. Students are not obligated to use these funds to pay their outstanding school balance. Institutions are not allowed to use these grant funds for the provision of pre-enrollment activities, marketing, or recruitment.

The law requires institutions to report certain information related to the use of these funds. The following information is reported for the period, **September 30, 2021 to December 31, 2021.**

This statement shall serve to acknowledge that our institution signed and returned to the US Department of Education the *Certification and Agreement - Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students*. We further attest that our institution has used the applicable amount of funds designated under the CRRSAA and ARP HEERF III (a) (1) and (a) (4) programs to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

- I. The total amount of funds that the institution received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the ARP HEERF III (a) (4) program is **\$138,304.**
- II. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the ARP HEERF III (a) (4) program as of **December 31, 2021 is \$114,456.**
- III. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the ARP HEERF III (a) (4) program as of the date of submission **\$114,456**
- IV. The total number of students that are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grant to Students under the ARP HEERF III (a) (4) program is **TWENTY-EIGHT.**
- V. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to Students under the ARP HEERF III (a) (4) program is **TWENTY-FOUR.**
- VI. The following is the method used by our institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students and how much each student will receive under ARP HEERF III (a) (4) program.

PROVIDE DESCRIPTION: Distribution of the "ARP HEERF III to Students" will be provided to 28 eligible 2021-22 enrolled practical nursing students with exceptional financial needs in childcare, food, housing, or healthcare. These relief funds may be disbursed to Pell and Non-Pell grant recipients with EFC scores between zero (0) to 5846 and have no other educational benefits. Each qualified PN student will receive \$4,769 of the ARP HEERF III with no obligation to use their relief funds to pay towards their tuition balance.

- Value: VII. The following instructions/directions/guidance will be provided by our institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

PROVIDE DESCRIPTION: Eligible PN students are required to return a signed appropriation form to authorize the institution to disburse and administer their ARP HEERF III relief funds. These students have the option to use some or all their relief funds toward their unpaid tuition balances or request a check payment for the full amount.