

Wilson Community College  
American Rescue Plan Act, 2021 (ARP)  
Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

January 10, 2022

1. Wilson Community College (WCC) acknowledges the College's certification for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act. The College will award at least the minimum required amount of the funds received to provide Financial Aid Grants to Students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the ARP Act.
2. WCC was approved for a total of \$2,650,707 through ARP, with a minimum allocation of \$1,433,171 to be awarded for Financial Aid Grants to students, in accordance with the College's Certification of Agreement.
3. As of the date of this report, the College has awarded \$129,348 in institutional funds to discharge outstanding student debt incurred since March 13, 2020. During this reporting period the College also awarded \$1,454,960 using the student portion of the funds to provide emergency grants to students.
4. Individuals who are or were enrolled (as defined in 34 CFR § 668.2) at an eligible institution (as defined in 34 CFR § 600.2) on or after March 13, 2020, are eligible for emergency financial aid grants under the ARP of 2021, regardless of whether they completed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or are eligible for Title IV. Institutions are directed to prioritize students with exceptional need, in awarding emergency financial aid grants. Students who have faced significant unexpected expenses that would affect their financial circumstances, such as the loss of employment (either for themselves or their families), reduced income, or food or housing insecurity, would be considered to have exceptional need.
5. As of the date of this report, 215 students had outstanding debts discharged using the institutional portion of the ARP funds. The College awarded 1,296 students emergency grants using the student portion of the funds.
6. The College provided guidance and notifications to students concerning the debt discharge and emergency financial aid grants, by WCC e-mail and postal mail – see attachments A, B, C, and D. Two separate disbursements were issued during this reporting period:
  - a) The College used institutional data to identify all students who owed an outstanding balance since March 13, 2020. Institutional funds were used to discharge students' debt that prevented them for enrolling in subsequent classes and/or receiving official transcripts or graduating.
  - b) The College provided emergency grants to 1,258 students enrolled for the Fall 2021 semester in the following amounts:
    - Continuing Education Students - \$300
    - Half-time Students - \$975
    - Full-time Students - \$1,950

Note: This disbursement did not include fee-waived students who were not charged tuition and fees.



**Attachment A** – notice sent by email and postal mail to students who owed an outstanding balance since March 13, 2020, and had their debt discharged using institutional funds:

Our records show that you are or were enrolled at Wilson Community College (WCC) after March 13, 2020, during the COVID-19 national emergency. Under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021, institutions of higher education may discharge student debt as lost revenue, using the institutional portion of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) allocated to the College.

Due to the unprecedented circumstances and resulting impacts of the pandemic, **WCC has discharged the full balance of your unpaid debt to the College.** Administrative holds for any outstanding balance that prevented you from enrolling or obtaining official transcripts from WCC have been removed. This does not obligate you to Wilson Community College in any way, and you are not required to take any specific action as a result of the debt resolution.

You may contact the Executive Dean of Student Development at [anoel@wilsoncc.edu](mailto:anoel@wilsoncc.edu) or 252-246-1275 for additional information about the use of HEERF funds to discharge your debt to the College. Please contact the WCC Business Office at 252-246-1201 if you have questions about the status of your outstanding balance.

Best regards,

Jessica Jones

Vice President of Finance/Administrative Services

**Attachment B** – notice sent by email and postal mail to Continuing Education students (excluding those who were fee-waived) who were enrolled Fall 2021:

Our records show that you are or were enrolled at Wilson Community College (WCC) on or after August 16, 2021. Due to the unprecedented circumstances and resulting impacts of the COVID-19 national emergency, **you have been awarded an emergency financial aid grant in the amount of \$200, based on your enrollment as a Continuing Education student during the Fall 2021 semester.** These funds are provided by the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF), under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021. Recipients are not required to be eligible for Title IV student financial aid and you are not required to take any specific action in order to receive the award.

The College will disburse the grant in the form of an EFT deposit or check, on or before (insert date). You may contact the WCC Business Office at 252-246-1201, if you have questions about the status of your disbursement.



**Attachment C** – notice sent by email and postal mail to full-time Curriculum students (excluding those who were fee-waived) who were enrolled Fall 2021:

Our records show that you are or were enrolled at Wilson Community College (WCC) on or after August 16, 2021. Due to the unprecedented circumstances and resulting impacts of the COVID-19 national emergency, **you have been awarded an emergency financial aid grant in the amount of \$1,950, based on your enrollment as a full-time curriculum student during the Fall 2021 semester.** These funds are provided by the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF), under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021. Recipients are not required to be eligible for Title IV student financial aid and you are not required to take any specific action in order to receive the award.

The College will disburse the grant in the form of an EFT deposit or check, on or before (insert date). You may contact the WCC Business Office at 252-246-1201, if you have questions about the status of your disbursement.

**Attachment D** – notice sent by email and postal mail to part-time Curriculum students (excluding those who were fee-waived) who were enrolled Fall 2021:

Our records show that you are or were enrolled at Wilson Community College (WCC) on or after August 16, 2021. Due to the unprecedented circumstances and resulting impacts of the COVID-19 national emergency, **you have been awarded an emergency financial aid grant in the amount of \$975, based on your enrollment as a part-time curriculum student during the Fall 2021 semester.** These funds are provided by the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF), under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021. Recipients are not required to be eligible for Title IV student financial aid and you are not required to take any specific action in order to receive the award.

The College will disburse the grant in the form of an EFT deposit or check, on or before (insert date). You may contact the WCC Business Office at 252-246-1201, if you have questions about the status of your disbursement.