

American Rescue Plan

The American Rescue Plan was signed into law (Pub. L. 117-2 (Mar. 11, 2021)) which provides additional funds for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (“HEERF”) to assist public and private nonprofit colleges and universities in preparing for, preventing, and responding to the COVID-19 global pandemic. These funds are separate from those awarded under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, and Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA).

Emergency Financial Aid for Students under ARP:

The U.S. Department of Education (“USDOE”) has allocated \$3,938,838 to North Georgia Technical College (“the college”) for these emergency financial aid grants to students. The college has signed and returned to the USDOE the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the College intends to use no less than 50% of the funds allocated under Section 314 (a)(1) of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) for students. These funds are to be used to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible expenses include food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and childcare. Students who meet basic eligibility criteria for federal financial aid (Title IV) funding and who have been determined to have an exceptional need were considered for the HEERF III. Information from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) were used to determine eligibility for Emergency Grant Funds.

Student Eligibility

- Active enrollment during the Summer 2021 or Fall 2021 or Spring 2022 semester(s) for a minimum of one (1) credit hour in a program that leads to a certificate, diploma, or degree.
- Have completed a FAFSA for the 2020-2021 aid year for Summer 2021 or a 2021-2022 aid year FAFSA for Fall 2021 and/or Spring 2022.
- International and DACA students are eligible
- Have met all requirements for admission

Student Not Eligible for Emergency Grant Funds

Student populations determined as not eligible for Emergency Grant Funds as defined by the U.S. Department of Education:

- Dual Enrolled High School Students
- Joint Enrolled High School Students
- Transient students – these students may receive funds from home institution
- Adult Education (non-credit) Students

If you have questions about these Student Emergency Financial Aid Grants under the HEERF III, please contact the Financial Aid Office at finaid@northgatech.edu.

Proposed Process for Awarding and Disbursing Emergency funds to Students

Based on the eligibility requirements above, the college initially identified 903 students who met eligibility requirements to receive Emergency Grant Funds. The college disbursed funds to those students determined to be eligible. Funds were awarded by the Financial Aid Department and disbursed to student accounts. Each student account showed a credit balance. ARP funds can be used to cover tuition and fees balances if the student gives prior authorization. The Business Office disbursed any credit balance to BankMobile for release to the student.

The College will disburse funds to three cohorts: Cohort 1 from the Summer 2021 term, Cohort 2 from the Fall 2021 term, and Cohort 3 from Spring 2022 term.

Identification of Cohort 1:

Cohort 1 consisted of those students who have already completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for 2020-2021 and have met all eligibility requirements stated above. The college initially identified 901 students who were enrolled in Summer 2021 semester for Cohort 1.

The total funding amount allocated to Cohort 1 was \$1,309,300 resulting in the award amounts below. The College sent an email and text once the funds were disbursed to student accounts.

Tiers	Students	Award	Total
Zero EFC + FT (verified)	67	\$2,000	\$134,000
Zero EFC + PT (verified)	386	\$1,800	\$694,800
EFC > 0 + FT OR 0 EFC (not verified)	65	\$1,500	\$97,500
EFC > 0 + FT OR 0 EFC (not verified)	383	\$1,000	\$383
Total	901		\$1,309,300

Identification of Cohort 2:

The college subsequently determined that students who enrolled in the Fall 2021 term continued to face impact from the COVID-19 virus. Cohort 2 consisted of Fall 2021 semester students who met all eligibility requirements as stated above. NGTC identified 1,463 students who were enrolled in the Fall 2021 semester and could be potentially eligible for Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students.

The total funding amount allocated to Cohort 2 was \$1,306,492.52.

Tiers	Students	Award	Total
Zero EFC + FT (verified)	282	\$1,500	\$423,000
Zero EFC + PT (verified)	410	\$1,000	\$410,000
EFC > 0 + FT OR 0 EFC (not verified)	360	\$800	\$288,000
EFC > 0 + FT OR 0 EFC (not verified)	411	\$451.32	\$185,492.52
Total	1,463		\$1,306,292.52

The disbursement of Cohort 2 to student accounts took place in October 2021. The College sent an email and text once the funds were disbursed to student accounts.

Identification of Cohort 3:

The college subsequently determined that students who are enrolled in the Spring 2022 term will continue to face impact from the COVID-19 virus. Cohort 3 will consist of Spring 2022 semester students who met all eligibility requirements as stated above. NGTC has tentatively identified approximately 1,307 students who will be enrolled in the Spring 2022 semester and could be potentially eligible for Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students.

The disbursement of Cohort 3 to student accounts took place in March 2022. The College sent an email and text once the funds were disbursed to student accounts.

The total funding amount allocated to Cohort 3 is \$1,310,040.

Tiers	Students	Award	Total
Zero EFC + FT (verified)	236	\$1,800	\$424,800
Zero EFC + PT (verified)	410	\$1,200	\$492,000
EFC > 0 + FT OR 0 EFC (not verified)	284	\$750	\$213,000
EFC > 0 + FT OR 0 EFC (not verified)	379	\$480	\$181,920
Total	1309		\$1,311,720

Should any Emergency Grant funds remain following the distribution to Cohort 3, the college will disburse the balance of the remaining funds to the eligible students identified in Cohort 3.

After the Spring 2022 disbursement, there was \$12,914.48 remaining. This amount was divided equally and disbursed amongst the 236 students in the Zero EFC + FT (verified) tier. Each student received an additional \$54.72. The student with the highest unmet need in the above-referenced tier was awarded a slightly larger award due to rounding.

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