

**American Rescue Plan Act
Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III
September 30, 2021**

On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), was passed to provide additional relief to address the continued impact of Covid-19. ARPA funds provided \$39.6 billion in support to higher education institutions to serve students. Clarion University was allocated \$4,932,944 under Section 2003(7) of the ARP Act designated for distribution to students, which may be used for cost of attendance components or for emergency costs that arise due to COVID-19.

Clarion University received \$4,932,944 in funding to be used for student emergency funds on May 13, 2021 and began distribution to students in July 2021.

Awards were distributed in block grant across the student population. The highest need students were prioritized by providing higher award amounts. All eligible degree-seeking students, both undergraduate and graduate, enrolled for the Spring 2021 semester as of May 6, 2021 received block grants in the following amounts:

Undergraduates:

EFC 0 – 5,711	\$1,500
EFC 5,712 - 10,000	\$1,450
EFC > 10,000 or No FAFSA	\$1,100

Graduates:

All EFCs or no FAFSA	\$1,100
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As of September 30, 2021, Clarion awarded \$4,931,945 to 3,893 students.

Remaining ARP and/or HEERF funds will be used for emergency situations that may arise or additional distributions to eligible students. Any emergency aid will be awarded on a case-by-case basis as applications are reviewed until funds are expended.