On March 11, 2021, St. Ambrose University (University) was awarded funding under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) in the amount of $5,550,047.

As required by ARP, $2,782,657 of the funds received by the University must be used for the sole and exclusive purpose of providing financial aid grants to students. Financial aid grants to students may be used for any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care. The University has used, and intends to use these funds for this purpose.

As of December 31, 2021, the University has distributed $1,198,000 of financial aid grants to 599 students.

Students eligible for these financial aid grants must have exceptional financial need. The University defined exceptional financial need as students who are eligible for a Pell grant, but did not limit awards to just Pell grant recipients. As of December 31, 2021, the number of students eligible for a Pell grant at the University equaled 621. Total enrolled students was 2,889.

The method used by the University to allocate these funds included the following criteria:

- Automatic awards of $2,000 were given to all Pell Grant recipients for fall 2021, with a second round expected for January 2022, amount to be determined
- Outreach to all enrolled students went out via post card and email, notifying them of the availability of relief funds if they were impacted by COVID 19

A COVID-19 webpage was created and updated with developments happening on campus. The link to the request form noted above was located on this page. The availability of these funds was communicated to students via email. Copies of the messages sent to students are as follows:

St. Ambrose University Financial Aid Office

Dear Student,

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) (Pub. L. 117-2). The ARP appropriated approximately $39.6 billion for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) and represents the third stream of funding appropriated for HEERF to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus. Taken together, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) (Pub. L. 116–136), the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) (Pub. L. 116-260), and the ARP represent HEERF I, HEERF II, and HEERF III, respectively.
St. Ambrose University received an allocation of approximately $2.7 million to help students deal with ongoing financial needs and expenses related to the coronavirus (including eligible expenses such as food, housing, course materials, technology, healthcare (including mental health), and childcare).

As for prior COVID related grants, the guidance directs us to help our neediest students first. As a Federal Pell Grant recipient, this notification is to inform you that you are a recipient of the ARP HEERF III Grant for the upcoming fall semester. Details of the amount and the disbursement date is below.

Amount of grant:
Disbursement date: 9/13/2021

You will receive this amount regardless of any outstanding balance due on your account. However, you can authorize us to apply all or part of these funds to your outstanding student account balance.

Click this link to go to the Authorization Form to accept your funds

If you choose to have the funds come directly to you, they will disburse by direct deposit within two weeks of the above date. If you do not have direct deposit established with the University. Instructions on how to set up direct deposit can be found on the Student Account Services webpage directly below the posted office hour's section.
Student Account Services https://www.sau.edu/student-accounts
Please direct questions to Bee Central at 563-333-5775 or email at BeeCentral@sau.edu
Stay safe and have a great fall semester!
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St. Ambrose University is here to help. If you are a new or returning student this fall, and your family's financial situation has changed significantly from what is reflected on your federal income tax return (for example, if you've lost a job or otherwise experienced a drop in income), you may be eligible to have your financial aid adjusted. If you haven't done so already, complete the FAFSA questions as instructed on the application (including the transfer of tax return and income information) here: https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa , and electronically sign and submit your FAFSA form. Once your FAFSA has processed and you receive notification, contact the financial aid office to discuss how your current financial situation has changed. Once we receive your FAFSA, we can determine if an adjustment would be beneficial.

Note that the school's decision is final and cannot be appealed to the U.S. Department of Education. Visit StudentAid.gov/coronavirus for more information

Please call the St. Ambrose University Bee Central Office: 563-333-5775 or email at BeeCentral@sau.edu with questions.

Dear Student,

Based on your request for a review of your financial situation, you were awarded $xxxx.xx of ARP Relief Grant funds.

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