

## Update Regarding American Rescue Plan Payments to Students - Fall Semester 2021

**The American Rescue Plan Primary Relief Plan Funds will be released to students by the end of September. ARP funds are being provided to the student to assist with any component of their cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or childcare. Students determine how they use their ARP funds including paying existing student account balances.**

**To get your funds fast sign up for eRefunds today. See instructions below and sign up today!**

There is no fee to set up eRefunds and it is the quickest way to get your money. Use the following process to set up your eRefunds payment.

1. Go to [eWeb](#)
2. Click Student Services
3. Click Student Account
4. View Account, Make Deposits/Payments and Setup Payment Plan
5. Electronic Refunds is under My Profile Set up on right-hand side of page
6. Click Refunds Menu Option at the top of page and then follow the prompts

If you do not sign up for eRefunds your funds will be sent in a check to the home address you have identified in your student account. To get the funds fast sign up for eRefunds today!!

### **Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the American Rescue Plan (ARP) (as of 9-22-21)**

#### **Who will qualify for ARP grant money?**

Students must be currently enrolled at Eastern Connecticut State University to qualify.

#### **How will the funds be distributed?**

The funds will be distributed through two programs

- **Primary Relief** - Program does not require enrolled students to apply and will be based on the student's full time or part time status.
- **Emergency Relief Fund** - Program will be for emergency fund requests and enrolled students are required to submit their specific reason for emergency aid to a committee for review.

### **Primary Relief Program**

#### **What is the Primary Relief Program?**

The Primary Relief Program is where the majority of ARP Funds will be distributed and does not require any information to be submitted by the student to qualify. Students currently enrolled at Eastern who are matriculated students and are taking more than 3 credits will be automatically eligible unless they are receiving tuition waivers. Students with tuition waivers are not eligible unless your waiver is one of the following:

- Graduate Interns
- National Guard
- Resident Assistant
- Veterans
- Yellow Ribbon

**Do I need to be a US Citizen to receive Primary Relief Program ARP funds?**

Current students who are US Citizens, undocumented, and DACA students are all eligible for ARP funds.

**How will the amount I receive be calculated?**

Primary Relief Program payments will be based on the students estimated family contribution (EFC) and status as a full-time or part-time student. Part-time students will receive a prorated amount based on their current semester registered credits.

**When will the Primary Relief Program payment be distributed?**

We expect to distribute the fall semester payment of Primary Relief Program ARP grant funds by the end of September 2021. The spring semester payment is expected to be distributed by the end of February 2022. **Students who register for eRefunds will receive their funds faster than those receiving checks sent to their home address listed in their student account.**

**How will payments be distributed?**

**If you signed up for eRefunds you will receive your funds faster than a check mailed to your address.** If you are not signed up for eRefunds your check will be mailed to your home address as identified in your student account.

**How much money will I receive?**

The payment amount for the fall semester was calculated using the fall semester September 16, 2021 census date. The payments are based on your estimated family contribution (EFC) and status as a full-time student or part-time student. The term Base refers to a student with an EFC above \$11,692 or where an EFC has not been calculated. Part-time students will receive a prorated amount based on their current semester registered credits.

Full Time Undergraduate EFC \$0 to \$5,846 will receive **\$1,008**

Full Time Undergraduate EFC \$5,847 to \$11,692 will receive **\$864**

Full Time Undergraduate Base will receive **\$720**

Part Time Undergraduate EFC \$0 to \$5,846 will receive **\$84 per credit hour**

Part Time Undergraduate EFC \$5,847 to \$11,692 will receive **\$72 per credit hour**

Part Time Undergraduate Base will receive **\$60 per credit hour**

Full Time Graduate EFC \$0 to \$5,846 will receive **\$756**

Full Time Graduate EFC \$5,847 to \$11,692 will receive **\$648**

Full Time Graduate Base will receive **\$540**

Part Time Graduate EFC \$0 to \$5,846 will receive **\$84 per credit hour**

Part Time Graduate EFC \$5,847 to \$11,692 will receive **\$72 per credit hour**

Part Time Graduate Base will receive **\$60 per credit hour**

The spring semester will follow the same procedure to calculate the payments using the February 9, 2022 census date.

**Questions on the Primary Relief Program should be to be addressed to [ARPAct@easternct.edu](mailto:ARPAct@easternct.edu)**

## **Emergency Relief Fund**

**Eastern has established up to \$500,000 of the ARP student portion to be used for Emergency Relief funds that students can apply directly for award consideration.**

The Emergency Relief Program instructions and process are currently under development and notification of the application filing process will be sent to all students in early October.

Eligibility will follow the same criteria as the Primary Relief Program with the addition of International students who will also be eligible for the Emergency Relief Fund.

Students will need to apply for consideration of relief funds under the Emergency Relief Fund